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AN Introduction TO GEOGRAPHY.

GEOGRAPHY is a Science which teacheth the Description of the Earth.

The Earth is considered as a spherical Body, which together with the Water, maketh up one Glob. It is about 21600 *Miles* in Circuit, and 6872. in Diameter; The *Water* is divided into *Oceans*, which are a General collection of Waters; *Seas*, which are parts of the Ocean almost encompast with Land; *Straights*, narrow parts of the Ocean opening a way to the Sea; *Lakes*, spaces of Water wholly surrounded with Land. *Creeks*, *Gulphs*, *Firths*, and *Bays*, are Arms of the Sea running up in the Land; *Rivers*, *Ponds*, *Fountains*, *&c.* need no Description. The *Land* is divided into *Continents*, vast Tracts of Land containing many Nations. *Islands* smaller pieces of Land surrounded with Water, *Peninsula's*, spaces of Land almost surrounded with Water. *Isthmus* is a neck of *Land* joyning the Peninsula to the Continent or Island. A *Promontory* or *Cape*, is a space of *Land* that shooteth it self out into the Sea.

Besides these real parts. The *Earth* is supposed to be divided into several imaginary ones,

which were invented by Geographers for the clearer understanding of this Science; such as, the North and South *Poles*, which are the two extremities of the *Axis*, on which the Earth is supposed daily to move about. *Circles*, which are divided into the greater and lesser; the greater are, 1. The *Horizon*, which is that Circle where the *Heavens* and *Earth* seem to meet, as far off as you can see when you turn your self about at *Sea*, or in an open *Field*. 2 The *Meridian* is a Circle (or rather a *Semicircle*) surrounding the Earth from *Pole* to *Pole*, when the Sun is under the *Meridian* of any place, in the Day-time it is their Noon, in the Night-time, *Midnight*. Tho' the *Meridians* be Infinite, (for any two East and West Points have different *Meridians*) Geographers, that they might not confuse *Globs* or *Maps*, with many Lines, have condescended on 36. which cut the *equator* every 10 Degrees, and are marked 10. 20. 30. &c. 3. The *Æquator* divides the *Glob* into two equal parts, and is 90 Degrees distant from either of the *Poles*. 4. The *Zodiack*, is the greatest Circle in the Sphere, cutting the *Æquator* obliquely into two equal parts. In the middle of it is the *Ecliptick*, under which the Sun constantly moveth. The lesser Circles are, 1. The two *Tropicks* which are described by these points of the *Ecliptick* that are farthest from the *Æquator*, *Viz.* 13 *Degrees* and an half. The *Tropick* of *Cancer* is the most Northern, wherein the Sun moveth about the 11 of *June*, which is our longest day. the Southern is that of *Capricorn*, wherein the Sun moveth about

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December the 11. 2. The two *Polar Circles*, each is 21 Degrees and an half from the nearest *Pole*. Besides these we may imagine innumerable other little Circles parallel to the *Æquator*, such as in Globs and *Maps* are drawn every 10 Degrees, for the readier observation of the *Latitude*; All these are divided into 360 Parts or Degrees (which in the greater Circles are greater than these in the lesser) each of which is divided into 60 *Minutes*, these again into 60 *Seconds*, &c. of these are formed *Zones*, *Climats*, *Longitude* and *Latitude* of Places. *Zones* are certain broad Circles encompassing the Earth like a Belt or Girdle. Geographers reckon five, *Viz.* One *Torrid*, which lyes between the two *Tropicks*, two *Frigid* between the *Polar Circles* and *Poles*, and two *Temperate* between the *Tropicks* and *Polar Circles*. A *Climate* or *Clime* is a space of Earth contained between two *Parallels*, in which the longest day is increased half an hour: as in the First *Climat*, the longest day is 12 hours and an half, in the second 13 hours, in the third 13 hours and an half, &c. Each Northerly and Southerly Climate respectively has its longest day half an hour longer than the former *Climate*, till in the last, North and South the Sun sets not for half an Year together, but moves Circularly above the Horizon. The Climates are 48; 24 North, and 24 South. *Longitude* is the distance of the *Meridian* of a place from the first *Meridian*, to be compted from West to East, on the Arch of the *Æquator* intercepted between them. The first *Meridian* is ordinarly begun at *el Pico*

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in the Isle *Tenerif*, one of the *Canaries*, tho' in some new *Maps* at the *Azores* or *London*: The *Latitude* of a place, is its nearest distance (whether *North* or *South*) from the *Æquator*, it is measured by the Arch of the *Meridian* intercepted between them.

The *Latitude* may be found either in the day by the *Sun*, or in the Night by the *Starrs*. The elevation of the *Æquator* above the Horizon is the Complement of the latitude to 90 degrees. If therefore the height of the Sun be taken at noon about *March* 10 or *Sept.* 11, and subducted from 90: the remainder is the latitude: The same may be found at any other time of the Year, if the distance of that *Parallel* wherein the Sun moves from the *Æquator* be first known. For this being added to, or substracted from the *Meridional* altitude, according as the *Sun* is below or above the *Æquator*; or *Æquinoctial* that day, makes the case all one with the former. In the night time, the Elevation of the *Pole* may easily be taken by the *Pole star*, & this is always equal to the latitude of the place; for, because under the *Æquator* where the latitudes begin, both the Poles are in the Horizon: Therefore so far as we remove from thence towards either Pole, so much it must be elevated, that the distance betwixt the Zenith and the Horizon be 90 Degrees; or else the *Meridional* altitude of any other star whose declination is known, may be observed, and the Latitude once collected the same way as from that of the *Sun*: But there is no such easie and certain method for finding out the *Longitude*.

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Having the *Longitude* and *Latitude* of any place given, to find it in a *Map*, reckon the Longitudes among the *Meridians*, which ordinarly are described from the upper to the lower side thereof; and the Latitude among the Parallels, which are drawn the country way, and where they intersect each other, is the place sought for.

The *Glob* hath three positions, *Viz. Right* or *Direct*, having the Poles in the Horizon, & the Æquator in the Zenith (which is the point in the Heavens over ones head, and so 90 Degrees from the rational *Horizon*, which is the Circle which divides that part of the Heavens we call above us, from that which is under us, into two equal parts.) *Oblique*, where one of the Poles is Elevated above, and the other depress'd below the Horizon, and the Stars rise and set *Obliquely*, as between the Æquator and Poles. 3. *Parallel*, when the Æquator lyes directly in, & Parallel to the Horizon, and the Stars are always Parallel to the Horizon, as under the Poles.

I. EUROPE.

EUROPE, tho' the least of the four Parts of the World, yet in many respects is preferable to the rest: For, for the Mildness of the Air, the Fertility of the Soil, the multitude of Navigable Rivers, the Abundance of Necessaries for Humane Life, the Valour, Beauty and Ingenuity of the Inhabitants,

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the *Magnificence* of its *Governments*, the *Freedom* of its Subjects, the Equality of its Laws, the Industry of its People, the sanctity of its Religions, the Nobleness of its Arts, Sciences and Inventions, it is deservedly thought the best. It is 3300 *Miles* long, and 2200 broad. Its Inhabitants are sprung from *Japhet* the Son of *Noah*: its Religions are, Protestant, Popish, *Greek*, *Mahumetan* and Jewish: Its Languages are, Teutonick, divided into English, Dutch and Danish; Latine corrupted into *Spanish*, French and Italian: Sclavonian, divided into *Russian*, *Polish* and Turkish: It is subject to 3 Emperors, 8 Kings 1 Pope, 4 dependent Princes, 7 Common-wealths and about 40 Princes.

SPAIN, a Kingdom in the south-west of *Europe*, surrounded on all sides with the Sea (save on the North-east, It is separat from *France* by the *Pyrenean*-hills) is 680 miles long, & 500 broad: It is situat in the most southernly part of the North temperat Zone, and almost in the midst of the 4 and 6 Climes; so that its longest Day is about 15 Hours. The ancient Geographers affirm, That it abounded with what ever the Ambition or Need of *Man* required: For in those days, it was the *West-Indies* of the (known) World: Its chief Commodities at present are, *Wines*, *Sacks*, *Sugars*, *Oyls*, *Mettals*, Rice, Silk, Oranges, Limons, Raisons, *Wool*, *Cork*, Rosin, Honey, Wax, Lamb-skins, Saffron, Anise seeds, Soap, Alamodes, Flax, *&c.* It was first conquered by the *Carthaginians*, soon after by the *Romans*, then by the *Vandals*, not long after by the

the *Goths*, and after that by the *Saracens* and *Moors*, but they, 1478. were driven out by *Ferdinand*, who erected a *Monarchy*, which continues ever since; the King hath vast Dominions from the Rising to the setting of the *Sun*, yet many more Titles, particularly that of *Most Catholick Majesty*. *Spain* is divided into 14 Kingdoms or Provinces; *Madrid* is the Metropolis and Royal Seat: The Inhabitants are strict Roman Catholicks: The Language is the vulgar *Spanish*, composed of *Gallick*, *Latine*, *Gothish* *Morish*, *Arabick*, and old *Spanish*: Its chief Rivers are *Tajo*, *Ebro*, *Douro*, *Guadiano*, *Quadalquiver*, &c. Here are 8 Arch-Bishops, 45 Bishops, 16 Universities.

PORTUGAL, a Kingdom in the West of *Spain*, about 360 miles long, and 136 broad (tho' in some places not above 60.) it was of old called *Lusitania*, and in the Fifth Century took its present Name from *Protocale*, a celebrated *Mart*: It enjoys a sweet and healthful Air, but being Hilly, is not very grateful to the Husbandman; yet that defect is supplied with abundance of oyl, Wine, Honey, Alom, Fruits (of all sorts) Salt, White-marble, Drugs, Spices, Cottons, *&c.* and all (East) *India*, *Persia*, *China*, & *Arabia* Commodities It was first Conquered by the *Romans*, after that it met with the same fortune of *Spain*, till 1099 *Henry* E. of *Lorrain* got a part of it, whose son *Alphonsus* 1139 having defeat Five *Moorish* Princes, assumed the Title of *King*, whose Posterity enjoyed it till (1584) *Philip* the 2d of *Spain* obtain'd

by force; but 1640 *John* Duke of *Bragança* ejected the *Spaniards*, and assumed the Kingdom: It is at present divided into 5 Provinces and the small Kingdom of *Algrave* on the south of it: *Lisbon* is the Metropolis and Royal seat. The Inhabitants are Roman Catholicks, and are esteemed more honest, Plain, and of simpler Behaviour than the rest of *Spain*, and are more devout in matters of Religion: Their Language is something different from the vulgar *Spanish*. Its Rivers are *Tajo*, *Douro*. *Guadiana*: &c. It hath 3 Arch-Bishops, 10 Bishops, and 2 Universities.

FRANCE is at this Day the best and most potent Kingdom in *Europe*; it lyes on the North-east of *Spain*, and is 660 miles long, and 550 broad, it is altogether about the middle of the North temperat Zone: Its longest Day is about 16 Hours; the Air is wholesome, and the soil extraordinary fertile, affording abundance of excellent Commodities, as Wine, Salt, Fish, Corn, Canvas, Alamode's, Coral, Oyl, Paper, Linnen (Fine and Course) Wood, Skins, Nuts &c. It was conquered by the *Romans*, then by the *Franks*, *Goths*, & *Burgundians*: The *Franks* were the chief who erected a Monarchy that has continued ever since in the succession of Kings of 3 several *Races*. By the *Salique* Law, a Woman is excluded from being Heiress to the Crown. The King is well known by the Title *Most Christian Majesty*. *France* is at present divided into 12 Governments (each of which contains several Provinces) besides the Conquests (which

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[chiefly] are *Savoy*, *Lorrain*, *French Compte*) The Metropolis is *Paris*, one of the largest and finest Cities in the World: *Versails* and *St. Germains* are Royal Palaces. The Inhabitants are for the far greater part Papists, some few are *Calvinists*: Ther Language is the vulgar *French*, made up of old *Gallick German Latine*, &c. The Rivers are, *Loyre*, *Seyne*, *Garrond*, *Rhosne*; And here are 18 Arch-bishops, 106 Bishops and 20 Universities.

SVVITZERLAND 200 miles long & 140 broad, was in ancient Times accounted a part of *France*: in the middle Times a part of *Germany*; but for these last 300 Years a free independant Countrey: It is a great Commonwealth made up of many small ones: It contains 3 distinct parts: *viz*: (1) 13 Cantons. (2) Confederat States. (3) Prefectures: The chief Towns are *Basil* and *Geneva*. The Religions are both Protestant and Popish. This Country is wholly made up of Lakes and Mountains, yet not barren; abounding in Fish and Pasturage; neither is it void of Corn and Wine: It is very Populous; the *Men* are good Soldiers, and addict themselves to VVar, serving any that will hire them.

ITALY; one of the most celebrated Countries in the VVorld, is a vast Peninsula in the shape of a Boot, about 800 miles long and 300 broad (tho in some places not the half) it is exceedingly well furnished with whatever is useful for *Man*; The Air is temperat, and the soil

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very fertile: Its chief Commodities are Corn, Wine, Oyl, Fruits, Rice, Velvets, Silks, Taffata's, Sattins, Cloth of gold and silver, Damask, Grograms; and all sorts of Glasses; Allom, Saffron; Almonds, Drugs; Quick-silver, Marble, &c. It had anciently several distinct Governments till subdued by the *Romans*, who erected a vast Empire, then by the *Goths*, then by the *Longbards*, & after by the *French* and *Germans*, till the Imperial power falling, it was reduced to several petty Governments; so that at present it is under the King of *Spain*, 5 Dukes of the greater sort, 4 of the lesser, four Common-wealths & several small Sovereigns: The *Metropolis* is *Rome*: The Inhabitants are all Popish, except some few Protestants in the North-west parts: They are very Ingenuous and Active, but very deceitful and Perfidious: The Language is the vulgar *Italian*, which is very fluent and smooth, made up of the old *Italian* and *Latine*: It is divided into *Lombardy*, or the *Higher Italy* on the North, in which are the Principalities of *Piemont*, *Millan*, *Modena*, *Mantua*, *Parma*, the Common-wealths of *Genoa*, *Venice*. *Luca*, &c. The *Middle Italie* contains the Dukedom of *Tuscany*, or *Florence*, and the Land of the Church. The *Lower Italy* contains *Naples*, *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, *Corsica*, &c. The chief Rivers are *Po*, *Tyber*, *Arno*, &c. Here are 38 Arch-bishops, 258 Bishops, and 17 Universities.

TURKY in *Europe*, is about 1000 miles long, and 840 broad; it is of a Triangular Form, healthful Air and fertile Soil; it abounds in all Necessaries; it contains many famous Kingdoms

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as *Greece*, (once a very famous Empire); *Servia*, *Dalmatia*, *Croatia*, *Bosnia*, *Wallachia*, *Moldavia*, *Transilvania*, *Crimtartary*,) these 4 last are subject to Princes of their own, tributary to the *Turks*) *Bessarabia*, *Sclavonia*, &c. *Constantinople* is the chief City, and *Adrianople* the Imperial Seat. *Hungary*, divided betwixt the Turk and the Emperour of *Germany*, is a fruitfull countrey, well watered with the *Danub*; its chief Place is *Buda*, or *Offen*. The Commodities of *Turky* are Wine, Honey, Wax, Gold and Silver Mines, Salt, Butter, Cheese, Hides, Tallow, Horses, Fish, Copper, Aniseeds, Wool, Carpets, &c. It anciently belonged to many masters, till 1450. the Turks driving out the Eastern Emperours possessed themselves of it; but of late the *Venetians* and *Germans* have much impair'd it. The Inhabitants are of many (Languages and) Religions, but Mahumitanism prevails most.

POLAND, an Elective Kingdom, on the North of *Turky*, is 860 miles long, & 600 broad the Countrey is not very hilly, but well cloathed with Timber: The Air is very cold, which is the cause no Vines grow here, the chief Commodities are rich Furs, Linen, Honey, Wax, Horses, Buff-hides, Furniture for Ships, Flax, Amber, Pot-ashes Corn, Milk, Butter, Cheese, Soap, &c. It was anciently governed by Dukes, then by Kings, which Government still continues. All Religions are here tolerated, but the Natives are chiefly Popish; of which Religion the King must be; so must the Queen, else she cannot be crown'd.

The Language is a Dialect of the *Sclavonian*; in contains 11 Provinces, with the great Dukedom of *Lithuania*, which is but sometimes reckoned a part of *Poland*; for they had their Kings and Dukes apart, till within these last 300 Years or thereby, the chief town is *Cracow*; and the Royal Seat *Warlaw*; the chief Rivers are *Niester*, *Wissel*, or *Vistula*, *Nieper*, &c. Here are 4 Archbishops, 24 Bishops, and 5 Universities.

GERMANY, an Empire on the West of *Poland*, about 950 miles long, and 540 broad, abounds with all Necessaries for man; it is of a temperat Air and fertile soil; the longest Day is about 17 Hours; the chief Commodities are Corn Salt, Wine, Alom, Mettals, Flesh, Linen, Quick-silver, Armors; all sorts of Iron-works, *&c.* A good part of it was conquered by the *Romans*: after they were dispossest, it was divided among several Nations, till 801 the *French* conquered it, & erected an Empire which still continues. It is now under the Dominion of several, *viz.* The Emperor, the *Swede's*, the *French*, the *Danes*, 6 great Dukes, 3 great Bishops, Imperial Cities, Hans-Towns, *&c.* so that there are reckoned above 300 Soveraignities in *Germany*, but most are Homagers to the Emperor, who is Elective. The Inhabitants are Roman Catholicks and Protestants, who are divided into Lutherans and Calvinists. The Language is *High-Dutch*, the chief Branch of the *Teutonick*, tho' in some particular Provinces they use others, as in *Bohemia* the *Sclavonian*, and in *Tyrol* the *Italian*, &c. it is at present divided in 10 Circles; the Metropolis is *Vienna*, the

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chief Seat of the Emperor; the chief Rivers are *Danube*, *Elb*, *Odor*, *Rhine*, *Weser*, &c. Here are 7 Arch-bishops, 40 Bishops, and 28 Universities.

The LOW COUNTRIES are on the West of *Germany*, & North of *France* 260 miles long, and 190 broad; the chief Commodities are *Scarlets*, *Velvets*, *Silks*, *Linnen*, *Armours*, *Cables*, *Onions*, *Cheese*, &c. and all Forraign Commodities are here sold; they were conquered by the *Romans*: then by the *French*, after that divided into several Governments, till 1309. they were reduced to one by *Philip* Duke of *Burgundie*. 1579 some of the Provinces revolted, & declared themselves free; at present they are under the *Hollanders*, *Spaniards*, *French*, and Bishop of *Liedge*; the Language is *Low-Dutch* or *Fleemish*. In the 7 united Provinces (under the *Dutch*) all Religions are tolerated; the chief City is *Amsterdam*, one of the Cities of greatest Trade in the World; the *Hague* is the place of their publick Assemblies. In the other ten Provinces the Inhabitants are Popish; these who are under the *French* are called *Walloons*; these under the *Spaniard*, *Fleemings*, the chief Cities are *Antwerp*, *Ghent*, *Bruxels*, *Mechline*. The chief Rivers are *Rhine*, *Maes*, and *Sheld*; there are three Arch-bishopricks, 16 Bishopricks, and 9 Universities in all.

DENMARK is a Kingdom on the North of *Germany*, consisting of *Jutland* (a Peninsula 200 miles long, and 100 broad; tho in some

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places not the half) and a great many Hlands in the *Baltick Sea*, the Air is cold, and the soil not too fertile: Its chief Commodities are *Fish*, *Cattel*, *Hides*, *Tallow*, *Pitch*, *Hemp*, *Tar*, *Fir*, *Cables*, &c. how it was anciently governed is uncertain, but since the year 797 it hath been under kings, who at present are *Hereditary*, tho' before the 1660 they were elective, the inhabitants are *Lutherans*, and the Language is a dialect of the *German*; the Royal Seat is *Copen-hagen*; the chief Rivers are *Trave*, *Sheer*, *Eyder* & *Synder*. Here are 2 Arch-bishopricks, 15 Bishopricks and 2 Universities.

NORWAY is a Kingdom North from *Denmark* 1200 miles long and 240 broad; the Air is extreamly cold, the soil very barren by reason of vast mountains, the chief Commodities of this Kingdom are *Cattel*, *Milk*, *Butter*, *Cheese*, *Tallow*, *Hides*, *Nuts*, *Barley*, *Stock-fish*, *Timber*, all sorts of furniture for Ships, *Train-oyl*, *Furs*, &c. It was governed by its own Kings till 1370. it was united to *Denmark*; it is divided into 3 Governments. *Bergen* a fine port and celebrated Mart, was the Royal Seat: the Language and Religion are not much different from these of *Denmark*.

SWEDEN, (or *Swedeland*) a famous Kingdom on the East of *Norway* 900 miles long and 820 broad, it is of a cold air, and the soil indifferently fertile, it aboundeth with Barley, Iron, Brass, Copper, Lead, Steel, Furrs, Firrs, Oaks, Honey, Pitch, Tallow, Tarr, and other Ship Furniture

niture. Its ancient and modern Government's Monarchical, the Religion is *Lutheran*, the Language is a dialect of the *German* (or rather *Gothish*) Tongue, tho' in *Lapland* and some other of its Northern Countrys the *Finnick* is used: It is at present divided into 7 large Provinces, the chief town and Royal Seat is *Stockholm:* its chief Rivers are *Meler*, *Dalacarly*, *Torne* &c. Here are 3 Arch-bishoprick's, 15 Bishoprieks; and 2 Universities.

RUSSIA, or *Muscovy*, a vast Countrey on the East of *Sweden* and *Poland*, and West of *Asia*, 1660 miles long, and 1530 broad, the air is very sharp, and the soil barren, not being cultivated, full of vast woods and deserts, and but thinly inhabited. Its Commodities are *Sables*, Furrs, Honey, Wax, *Tallow*, Trainoyl; Iron: Brimstone: Flax; Hemp &c. Its old inhabitants were the *Sarmatians*; conquered by the *Rossi*, afterwards by the *Tartars*; till at last *anno* 1540 they shoke off that Yoak and erected a Monarchy which still continues in its own Emperor; who is called the GRAND CZAR or DUKE of *Muscovy*; it is divided into 37 (general) Provinces, the only port in *Russia* is St. *Michael Arch Angel* at the mouth of the River *Dwina* on the *White Sea* The *Russians* are of the *Greek* Church. The language is a Branch of the *Sclavonian*; tho' several provinces have peculiar ones Its chief Rivers are *Volga* or *Rha*, *Dina*; *Tanais* or Don; *Obi*; &c. Here are 4 Arch-Bishops; 18 Bishops, who are under one Patriarch; The Emperor's Seat is at *Moscow*.

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The European Islands are, ISCELAND, FREESLAND and GREENLAND, in the North Seas.

ISCELAND is 400 M. long and 200 broad, it is well peopled; and indifferently fruitful toward the coasts; but in the middle barren, desolate and Mountanous; it was first discovered by *Naddock a Norwegian* (*anno* 860) who called it *Sneeland* that is the Land of Snow; but *Flocko a pyrat of Norway* afterward gave it the name of *Isceland* from the great quantity of *Ice* he found about it; the chief Towns are *Scaiholt* and *Holen* both Episcopal Sees. On the south-west of *Isceland*, *Friesland* (as is supposed) lyes, an Island about 280 miles long and 260 broad; the air is so cold that no fruits or grains grow here, but the inhabitants are content to live on *Stockfish*; which is their chief Commoditie. These two *viz. Isceland & Freesland* are subject to the King of *Denmark*; tho' some think there is no such Isle as *Freisland*: GREENLAND (as is suppos'd) is a very large Countrey which (being wholly in the Northern frigid Zone) is subject to all the inclemency and bitterness of Cold; and so ill discovered, as little or nothing can be said of it.

The *Islands* in the *BALTICK SEA* are ZELAND 64 miles long and 40 broad; is of a temperat Air and fertile soil; its chief towns are *Coppenhagen* the Seat of the *Danish* Kings, *Elsineur*, *Ringsted*, &c. FIONIE; its chief town is *Oddenson*; the other Isles are LALAND; FALSTRE; BORNHOLN; ALSEN, with many other smaller ones of little note, most of these are subject to the King of *Denmark*;

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GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND over against the *Low-Countreys* and *Denmark*. *Great-Britain* is 580 miles long and 300 broad; it contains 2 Kingdoms, *Scotland* and *England*; SCOTLAND is 300 miles long and 160 broad; it hath been above 2000 Years governed by Kings; in it are 35 Provinces comprehended under (almost) as many *Shires*; the Commodities are Coal, Cattel and Fish, in abundance. Cloth, Linen, Hides, Tallow, Corn, Lead, Salt, *&c.* The *Metropolis* is *Edinburgh*, the chief Rivers are *Tweed*, *Clyde*, *Forth*, *Tay*, *Spey*, &c. 2 Arch-bishops, 12 *Bishops*, and 4 Universities.

In the South of *Scotland* dwelt the *Picts*, but they were extirpate by the *Scots* about the Year 840.

ENGLAND is a Kingdom more fertile than *Scotland*; its chief Commodities are Corn *Mettals*, Timber, Wool, Cloth, Stuffs, Butter, Cheese, Fruits, &c. It was conquered by the *Romans*; then by the *Saxons*, who erected an Heptarchy, which was afterwards united; then by the *Danes*; again by the *Saxons*; then by the *Normans*, who continued till 1602. Upon the Death of Queen *Elizabeth*, K. *James* VI. of *Scotland* succeeded; it is divided into 6 Circuits, which comprehend 38 *Shires*; *London* is the chief City. In the West of *England* is *Wales*, a Principality; It was conquered by the *Romans*, and afterwards had a King of its own; sometimes two; till *Edward Longshanks* King of *England* (what by slight, what by might) subdued it. The King of *England*'s eld-

eldeſt Son is deſigned, *Prince of Wales*: The Commodities are Freezes, Cottons, Bays, Metals, Honey, Wool, Cloth, Hides, *&c.* It is divided into 12 Shires; the chief Town is *Welſhpool*. The chief Rivers in *England* & *Wales* are *Thames*, *Severn*, *Trent*, *Wye*, *Dee*, 2 Arch-biſhopricks, 24 Biſhopricks and 2 Univerſities.

In *Britain* the Chriſtian Religion is taught in its purity, the Languages are *Iriſh*, ſpoke by the *Scots Highlanders*; *Engliſh* a branch of the *Teutonick*; the *Welſh*, a very harſh language, the ſame with the old Britiſh.

On the Weſt of *Britain* lyes *Ireland* 280 *M.* long and 160 broad, the chief Commodities are *Cattel*, *Hides*, *Tallow*, *Butter*, *Cheeſe*, *Honey*, *Freezes*, *&c.* It was partly conquered by the *Saxons*, then by the *Norvegians*; after that by King *Henry* 2d. of *England*; it is now ſubiect to the *Engliſh*, who have here a Lord Lieutenant, who is the Kings Deputie, here are 4 Provinces, each of which contains ſeveral Counties, the Religion is partly *Proteſtant*, partly *Popiſh*, the Language is in ſome places *Iriſh*, and in others *Engliſh*, the chief Town is *Dublin*; the chief Rivers are *Shannan*, *Boyne*, *Black-water*, &c. Here are 4 Arch-biſhopricks, 19 Biſhopricks, and 1 Univerſitie.

The leſſer ISLES of *Britain* are *Orkney*, *Shetland* and *Æbuda* or Weſt Iſles belonging to *Scotland*. *Man*, *Wight*, *Angleſey*, *Scilly*, *Holy-Iſland* belonging to *England*, &c. *Jerſey* and *Garnſey* on the coaſt of *France*; On the coaſt of *Spain* are ADES a ſmall Iſle with a town of the ſame

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Name on the straits of *Gibralter*. BALEARES which contain *Majorca*, *Minorca*, and *Yuica* in the *Mediterranean Sea*; On the coast of *Italy* are CORSICA 120 miles long and 76 broad, the soil is very fertile in Wines, Oyl, Figs, Raisons, and other Fruits; here is excellent Honey, Wax, &c. The chief Town is *Bastia*, this Isle is divided into 4 parts & is under the Commone wealth of *Genoa*. SARDINIA is on the south of *Corsica* 170 miles long and 90 broad, it aboundeth in Corn and Cattel, it was so fertile that *Val. Maximus* called it the *Nurse* of *Rome*, it was anciently so populous that it had 42 Citys, but they are now reduced to 8. it has at present 11 Harbours, and 94 Watch-towers to preserve it from Pyrats. It is divided into 2 Provinces, the chief town is *Cagliars*, it is at present under the King of *Spain*, for which he is feudatory of the *Pope*.

SICILY (of old *Trinacria*) is a famous Isle on the south-east of *Sardiola* and south west of *Naples* 200 miles long and 150 broad; it is deservedly called *Queen of the Mediterranean Isles*, not only for its largeness and other *excellency*, but for its admirable fertility, it affordeth all that is necessary for Man, but chiefly Wines, Oyl, *Sugars*, Honey, *Wax*, *Saffron*, Salt, Minerals, Allom *Agats*, Corral and *Silk*, Cattel, Corn, &c. it is at present divided into 3 provinces, the chief Towns are *Palermo*, *Messina* and *Syracussa*: it is subject to the King of *Spain*, who holds it of the *Pope*.

On the North of *Sicily* are the ÆOLIAN (or *Vulcanian Islands*, eleven in number viz *Vulca-*

nia, Balilugo, Vulcanella, Lipara, Thermisia, Lisca, Bianca, Fricusa, Didima, Trangise, Fenecusa & Stromboli, *Lipara* which is the chief of them, gives title to a Bishop, and oftimes its name to the rest of these Islands, *Stromboli* (as some say) always burneth, and *Vulcania* sends forth a constant smoak. Tho' they belong to *Sicily*, *Charles* V: for his convenience attributed them to *Naples*, but *anno* 1609 they were restored to *Sicily* and at this day are held by the King of *Spain* as a part of it.

On the coast of *Naples* are several small *Isles*, the chief is *CAPRI*, (or *Caprea*) about twelve miles in compass, the retiring place of *Tiberius Cæsar* toward the latter end of his reign. The chief place beareth the name of the Island, it is a small Fisher town, and Bishop seat. The chief Islands upon the coast of *Turky* are *CREET* now *Candy* opposite to the *Archipelago* 250 *M.* long and 60 broad, it was heretofore full of potent Cities, now ruin'd: *Anno* 1645 the *Turks* invaded it, & 1669 took the chief city *Candia* from the *Venetians*: towards the coast, it is very fruitful, but in the Inland *Mountanous*; yet very fruitful in Wine. The chief Isles in the *Archipelago*, belonging to *Europe* are *CERIGO* of old *Cythera*. NEGROPONT of old *Eubœa* 140 miles long and 30 broad is on the coast of *Achaia* to which it is joyned by a Bridge: it is very fruitful but thinly inhabited, the chief town *Chalcis* now *Negropont* on the south side of the Isle, a fine city, whose walls are more than two miles in circuit; within it none but *Turks* and *Jews* are suffered to reside, the *Christians* dwell altogether

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n the ſuburbs, STALAMINE of old *Lesbos*: the ther Iſles are divided into the *SPORADES* & YCLADES.

The Iſles on the weſt of *Greece* are ZANT a- bout 50 miles in circuit, wonderfully plentiful in Wines and Oils, the chief town is called *Zant* a ſtrong ſmall town advantaged with an *Harbour*, and fortify'd with a *Caſtle*; this Iſle is much trou- bled with Earth-quakes, which makes them build their Houſes low.

ZEPHALONIA, 120 Miles in circuit very fer- tile, it affordeth Honey, Wax, Wooll, Wine, Oyl, &c. Its chief town is *Auguſtal*: VAL DECOM- PARE of old *Ithaca* about 50 miles in compaſs aboundeth in currants, it is fam'd for being the birth place of *Ulyſſis*: CORFU 54 miles long & and 24 broad, is fertile in Honey, *Wax*, Wine, Oyl, &c. its chief City bears the name of the Iſland, and is one of the *Bulwarks* of *Chriſten- dom*; and the Key of the *Venetian ſtate*; theſe 4 Iſles belong to the *Venetians*. whoſe Deputy re- ſides at CORFU.

II. ASIA.

ASIA the largeſt and moſt Oriental Countrey in the Tripartite Diviſion of our Conti- nent, in length from Weſt to Eaſt 5300 Miles, and in breadth 4200. It is deſervedly Re- nowned for being the *Mother*, and for a long time the Nurſe and *Miſtreſs* of *Mankind*, for the

the Seat of the terrestrial Paradise; for the confusion of Tongues; for being the first seat of the Church; for the 4 great *Monarchies* of the *Assyrians*, *Babylonians*, *Medes* & *Persians*; for being the Theatre on which the chief Actions recorded in Scripture were acted; for being the Birth-place of the SON OF GOD; for the preaching of the Glad-tidings of the GOSPEL; for being peopled by *Sem*, the eldest son of *Noah* (from whom it sometime was called *Semia*) for being the Mother of Religions (for here Paganism began under the *Assyrians*, Judaism under the *Hebrews*, Christianity under CHRIST, and *Mahumetism* under the *Turks*) and had it not lost much of its former Glory, it undoubtedly deserved the first place. The chief Commodities exported hence are Fruits, Spices, Mettals, Balsam sweet Canes, Frankincence, Myrrhe, Alloes, Cassia, Cinnamon; Gariophyles; Pepper; Saffron, sweet Woods; Rosin; Musk; Precious Stones, *&c.* If the Natives were laborious they might be the happiest people on Earth; but by reason of their sloth and lasiness, the Countrey is scarce manured. The Religions may be reduced to 4 *viz.* Mahumetan; Pagan; Christian and Jewish. The Languages may be reduced to 4 also, *viz.* Persian; Turkish; Arabick and Chinese. Here are also many others of less note; as Syrian; Armenian, *&c.* the Government is chiefly under 4, *viz.* The Seignevr of *Turky*; the Cham of *Tartary*, the Mogul of *India*, and the Sophi of *Persia* with several petty Princes.

ARABIA; a very lary Countrey in the south west of *Asia*, about 1700 miles long; and 1200 broad

broad, is in some places very fertile, in other places as barren; its chief Commodities are Gold precious Stones; Balsam, Myrrhe, Frankincense, Cassia, Cinamon, Manna, &c. part of it was subject to the *Assyrian* and *Babylonian* Empires, then to the *Macedonians*, then to the *Romans*, after that it (wholly) was under its own Emperors. then ruled by the *Babylonian* Caliphs; after that it was (almost) free, till at last the *Turks* conquered part of it; so that at present it is partly under the *Turks*, partly under several petty Princes, the Inhabitants are *Mahumetans*, yet not without some few *Christians* The Language is wholly *Arabick*, which is partly derived from *Hebrew*; it is divided into 3 great parts, *Viz* *Barbara*, or *Arabia*, the *Stony*; in the North-west parts of *Arabia*, ill inhabited and subject to the *Turks*, famous for nothing but the 40 years wandering of the Children of *Israel* here: its chief places are Herat, or *Arat*, Berenice, where the Ships imployed by *Solomon* to *Ophir* did make their ordinary Harbour, and *Thara* where *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* were punished. *Earaab* or *Arabia* the *Desert* is on the East of *Arabia Petrea*, it is wholly sandy: unhabitable deserts scarce affording meat for man and beast; so that these who travel in this countrey are forced to take provisions along with them, and often guide their course by the *Mariners* Compass; here are few or no Citys, the wild *Arabs* who are great Robbers (commonly) live in Tents, which they remove as occasion serves; *Ayaman* or *Arabia* the *Happy*, on the south of the former two, 1500

Miles long and 1000 broad: divided into 7 Provinces, mostly governed by petty Kings, the chief Towns are *Mecca*, the Birth-place, and *Medina*; the burial place of that vile Impostor *Mahomet*. The chief Rivers in *Arabia* are *Nageran*, *Chibar*, *Prim*, and *Astain*.

By TURKY in *Asia*, we understand not all that the *Turk* possesseth, but only such Regions as he alone possesses; or if there be any Estates intermixed, they are inconsiderable: These lye on the North of *Arabia*, and are 1500 miles long, and 780 broad; the Religion is *Mahumetan*, and the Language the vulgar *Turkish*, the chief Town is *Aleppo*: It is divided into 4 parts (besides the Isles) which are *Anatolia*, *Syria*, *Turcomania*, and *Dierbek*.

ANATOLIA; or *Natolia*, is the most western Province; it was anciently called *Lindum*, then *Asia minor*; Its chief Commodities are, Raw-silks, Camlets, Cottons, Skins, Calicots, Tapestries, Grograms, Soap, Scammoney, abundance of Opium, *&c.* it contains the ancient Provinces of *Pontus*, *Bythinia*, *Lycia*, *Galacia*, *Pamphylia*, *Cappadocia*, *Cilicia*, *Caria*, *Ionia*, *Æolis*, *Lydia*, *Phrygia*, *Paphlagonia*, *Lycaonia*, *Pisidia*, *Armenia minor*, *Misia*. &c. all which are now comprehended in 4, governed by six *Beglerbegs*. Here are the Citys *Bursa* (where the Greek Emperors usually resided) *Nice* and *Chalcedon*, famous cities, the one for the first, the other for the fourth general Councils. Here were the seven Churches, to whose *Angels* or *Bishops* Christ by the Apostle *St. John* directed his Epistles. It is 750 m. long, and 520 broad.

SOURIA

SOURIA or *Syria*, is a large Countrey that lyes along the *Mediterranian* Sea, on the south east of *Natolia*, about 450 miles long & 300 broad: it was once called *Aram* or *Charam*, now called by its inhabitants *Souriſtan*; its Commodities are Wine, *Oyl*, *Balm*, Honey, Wax, Silks, Cottons, Camletts, Yarn, Moyhairs, Soaps Galls, &c. Its inhabitans are *Mahumetans*; and *Chriſtians*; who are divided into *Jacobites*, *Maronites*, and *Melchites*; the Language is the *Arabick*, and in some places the *Syriack*, composed of *Chaldean* and *Hebrew*; it is divided into three Provinces *Paleſtine*, *Phœnicia*, and *Syria propria*. *PALESTINE*, *Holy Land* or *Judea*, was also called the land of *Canaan*, or the land of Promise: Of all Countreys in the world it is most commended, for the wholesomeſs of the Air, and temperature of the Climate; in the Winter there is no need of *Stoves*, nor in *Summer* any use of *Grottoes*, it is situat very near the Center of this Continent: it was anciently so populous, that it had 31 Kings: All Writers both sacred and prophane, praise it for the fruitfulneſs of the soil, and aboundance of all kind of Fruits, and plenty of all things necessary for the Sustentation or Delectation of Mankind, *Moſes*, *Deut. 8. verse 7.* says, *This is a Land of Brooks, of Water, of Fountains, and Depths, that spring out of the Valleys and Hills; a Land of Wheat and Barley, and Vines, and Fig-trees, and Pomegranates; a Land of Oyl Olive and Honey; a Land wherein thou shalt eat Bread without scarceaeſs, and shalt not lack any thing in it.* *Jeruſalem*, the chief City of *Paleſtine*, was for a long time the Metropolis of

the Earth; this City, which is so well known in the *Scriptures*, was famous for its Kings, High Priests, and *Royal Palaces*; and its Temple built by King *Solomon*, was the most Glorious Fabrick that ever the Sun saw; this City was so large, that it was capable of Receiving 150000 Families; this City which was the Glory of the whole Earth, was for her Pride, and other horrid sins, often Ruined; first by *Nebuchadnezer*, A. *M.* 3350: The 2d time 3360 the Temple was burnt and the City razed, it lay desolate till the first Year of *Cyrus*. *Vespasian* and *Titus Cæsar* razed it, and destroyed 1100000 people that were assembled to the Passover: It was afterward recovered by the *Christians* under *Godfrey* of *Bullen*: At last it was taken by the *Turks*, who call it *Kodes*, that is, *The Holy City*. In it some *Christians* live, but pay a great Tribute to the Grand Segnior: Here are 2 *Monasteries*, where Monks get no small Gain by shewing Christian *Pilgrims* the Holy Sepulchre, with several other *Monuments* and Relicts. Nigh *Jerusalem* are *Joppa*, *Bethlehem*, *Jericho*, a city once of great Fame, (now better than *Jerusalem*) being in the time of Christianity a Bishops Seat: Its ancient Inhabitants were *Philistines*, afterwards the *Jews* possest it, who divided it into 12 Tribes: about the time of our SAVIOUR'S Birth it was divided into 6 Provinces: now into 11. On the North of *Palestine* is PHOENICIA 210 miles long, and 120 broad; its chief Commodities are Corn, Wine, Oyl, Honey, Wax, Balm: its chief cities are *Damascus*, called by the Inhabitants *Schem*, famous 1. for its first builders, *viz. Abraham's*

ham's Servant, 2. For the Temple of *Zacharias*. 3 For the first preaching of St. *Paul*, who was converted as he went thither; it is to begin with curious and odoriferous Gardens which (abound in all sorts of pleasant and delightful Fruits) are well watered with the River *Chrysorhous*. and a place of such surpriting Delights, that the Impostor *Mahomet* would never enter into it, lest by its ravishing pleasures he should forget the business he was sent about, and make it his Paradise. *Tyre* and *Sidon* two once famous cities: On the North of *Phœnicia* is SYRIA PROPRIA 400 miles long and 300 broad, abounds in Fruits Cotton, Wool, &c. its chief places are *Aleppo*, the most celebrated Empory in the whole East, and the seat of a Bassa; *Antioch* once the Metropolis of *Syria*, its Walls (which were as beautiful as eye Eye saw) are now its Urn; it was anciently the seat of a Patriarch.

TURCOMANIA is on the North of *Syria*, about 500 miles long and 280 broad; its chief Commodities are Wine, Fruits, Silk, Tapestries, Grograms, Worsted, Camlets, &c. A good part of it was for many Ages under its own Kings, till conquered by the *Romans*, then by the *Saracens*, then by the *Turks*, then by the *Tartars*, after that it became a *Persian* Province, till once again conquered by the *Turks*, who still have it. It contains the old *Armenia major*, with a little of *Media* and *Assyria*, it is at present divided into 2 Provinces, the chief Town is *Azerum*; the inhabitants are *Mahumetans*, and Christians of the *Greek* Church,, and sect of *Eutyches*, the Language is in some places *Turkish*, in others

others *Armenian* a very harsh tongue, having some mixture of *Turkish* and *Persian*, and an *Alphabet* of 28 Letters, the chief *Rivers* are *Tiger*, &c.

DIARBECK is on the south of *Turcomania* 800 miles long and 400 broad, its chief commodities are corn, wine, oyl, fruits, cottons, wool, *&c.* It was first under its own *Emperors*, for about 1700 years; conquer'd by the *Persians*, then by the *Macedonians*, then by the *Romans*, again by the *Persians*, then by the *Saracens*, and a third time by the *Persians*, and lastly by the *Turks*, it contains the ancient countreys of *Chaldea*, and part of *Assyria*; *Chaldea* is exceeding fruitful; its chief Town is *Babylon*, the ancientest city in the World, it is situat on the Banks of *Euphrates*, & its Walls were one of the Worlds wonders. Chief *Rivers Euphrates*, *Tiger*, *&c.*

ASSYRIA is a famous Kingdom, its chief city was *Nineveh* one of the best cities in the East, it is at present divided into 3 Provinces, its chief city is *Bagdat*, its chief *Rivers* are *Euphrates* and *Tiger*.

GEORGIA is on the North of *Turcomania* 650 miles long & 500 broad, its chief commodities are wine, honey, wax, leather, cattel, Furs, linnen vast quantities of silk, martins, bevers, wool, slaves, *&c.* It was partly conquered by the *Romans*, & afterward had several Governments, till of late the *Turks* and *Persians* have (almost) over-run it; the inhabitants are *Christians* (of the *Greek* Church) but the worst in the World, the Language is in some places *Sclavonian*, in others *Tartarian*, and it is at present divided into four Provinces

vinces which comprehend the old *Colchis*, *Iberia*, *Albania*, with part of *Sarmatia* and *Armenia*, the chief Town is *Teflis*, the chief Rivers are *Kur* *Faze*, and *Terca*.

TARTARY is by far the largest countrey in the World taking up all the North of *Asia*, it is betwixt the River *Obb* (by which it is separate from *Europe*) to the streights of *Jesso* or *Anian* (which should separat it from *America*) about 4500 miles and in breadth 2500, the Air is cold and the soil very barren; the chief Commodities are wool; Furrs, Silks, Hemp, Flax, wax, musk, Rhubarb, Camels, Camelets, *&c.* It was unconquered, and a long time governed by several princes of its own, till 1162. the *Tartars* an obscure people over-run it, and erected a *Monarchy*, which still remains: the *Emperor* or Gtand *Cham* is a most absolute Prince, using his subjects as slaves. whom they so much reverence, that they call him, *The shadow of spirits. and son of the immortal God*; the inhabitants are a rude people the most barbarous of mankind, who lying under their *Curts* follow their droves of *Cattel*; they scarce sow any Corn, but in time of Peace feed upon milk, and in war upon the flesh of their Enemys, their Religion is *Pagan*, and in many places *Mahumetism* has creept in amongst them, yet it is not so prevalent as to quite extinguish the smoaking Torch of Christianity, which was here kindled by the preaching of St. *Andrew* and St. *Philip* Apostles. The Language is the *Tartarian* very boisterous and clamorous, compounded of old *Schythian*, *Persian*, & *Turkish* words, & divided into 5 vast Provinces,

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the chief Town and Imperial seat is thought to be *Chambalu* the chief Rivers are *Obb*, *Chesel*, *Polisango*, *Ochandi*.

CHINA, is on the south-east of *Tartarie* about 2600 miles long & 1500 broad, for Fruitfulnes, Riches, number, and Politeness of its inhabitants the best Kingdom in the east; its chief Commodities are Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Quick-silver, Sugar, Honey, *Wax*, Drugs, Spices, Rice, *Wool*, Silks, Cottons, Camphire, Civit, Musk Ginger, China wood, *&c.* It had its own Kings for about 3000 Years, till conquered by the *Tartars*, then it had its own Kings till of late it was re-conquered by the *Tartars*, who are now Lords of it, under whom are upwards of 30 petty Kings its inhabitants are very numerous, being about 60 millions, and extraordinary ingenuous who have had, (as 'tis thought) the advantage of *Painting*, Printing, *Paper*, Artillery, and *Manufactorys*, long before the *Europeans*, they are for the most part Idolaters, here are also some few Christians converted by the *Jesuites*, their language (which is thought the *Primitive*) differs from all others, having about 300 words & above 50000 Letters, by which (tho the greatest part of them be Polysyllables) they expres their mind with much vivacity and efficacy; using such various Tones denoting the diverse significations of each word, they seem rather to sing than speak: they write down right from the top to the bottom of the Sheet; it is divided into 15 or 16 large Provinces among which are 180 great Citys 300 great Towns & 1200 lesser besides an infinit number of Villages: the chief

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Town of all is *Peking* as is supposed; *Nanquin* is next, the River are *Ta, Kiang, Crocens*, &c.

The EAST INDIES contain these Countreys known to the ancients by the name INDIA bounded on the East with *China*, & on the North with *Tartary*: Here are contained a great many Countreys both in the Continent and Islands, these in the continent are divided into the Empire of the great *Mogul*, and the *Peninsula*'s *intra & extra Gangem.*

The EMPIRE of the great *Mogul* is a Vast Countrey in the North parts of *India*, about 1700 miles long, and 1300 broad; its commodities are Rhubarb, Wormseeds, all sorts of Spices, Drugs, Aloes, Musk, Civits, Indigo, Lacque, Borax, Opium, Amber, *Myrabolanes*, *Salarmoniack*, *Silk*, Cottons, *Callicoes*, Sattines, Taffeta's, Velvets, Carpets, Pepper, Frankincence, Myrrhe, Gold, Silver, precious Stones, *Elephants*, *&c* It was first conquered by *Bacchus*, then by *Alexander* the great, then by its own Kings, who were conquered by the *Tartars* who erected a Monarchy which still continues, some parts are (almost) free some on the coasts are under the *Portuguez* and *English*; this Countrey is divided into 38 Kingdoms or vast Provinces, the imperial seat is at *Agra*, a great part of the inhabitants are *Mahumetans*, a greater Gentiles, some few are Christians and Jews. The Language is a kind of *Tartarean* and has a great mixture of the Persian. the principal Rivers are *Indus* which gives its name to the countrey; and *Ganges* which divides it into 2 *Peninsulas.*

The *Peninsula* of *India* on this side Ganges on

the south of the *Moguls* Empire, is about 1000 miles long and 500 broad; its chief Commodities are *Mettals, Honey, Wax, Drugs, Spices, Silks, Pearls, Cottons, Dates, Cocos; Ginger, Rice. Pulse*, &c. How it was anciently gover n'd is uncertain, but at present it is subject to above 50 Kings, whereof the lesser are subject to the greater; the *Hollanders, Portuguez, English, &c* have considerable Forts and Towns upon the coast. The inhabitants are of many Religions, along the coast they are *Mahumetans* with some *Christians*; but in the Inland they are gross *Idolaters*; they use many Languages as *Tolenga, Gazarite, Malabay, Portugueze, &c.* It is divided into 4 chief parts, the *Metropolis* is *Goa*, or *Calicut*, the chief *Rivers* are *Gueugua* and *Mandova*. The *Peninsula* of *India* beyond the *Ganges*, is on the south west of *China* about 2000 miles long, and no where above 900 broad. Its chief commodities are gold, silver, rubies, saphires, & other precious stones, musk, silks, drugs, spices, fruits, sugar, aloes, rhubarb, lacque, alabaster, *&c.* How it was anciently governed is uncertain, but at present it is a barbarous countrey subject to a great many Kings who are all tributary to 4 or 5 of the greater Rank. The *Dutch* & *Portuguze* have some considerable places towards the coasts. In the midland of this countrey the Inhabitants are gross Idolaters: but along the coast they are *Mahumetans* intermixed with some few *Christians* they use many Languages but chiefly the *Malaize*. It is divided into 4 great parts which contain upward of 42 Kingdoms; the chief Town

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is Pegu; its Rivers are Caor, Calma. Pegu, Ava Menon, &c.

PERSIA, or the Empire of the *Sophi* hath the *Indies* on the East, *Tartary* on the North, & *Turky* on the West, it is about 1650 miles long and 1200 broad; the chief commodities are all sorts of Silks, Carpets, Tissues, Cloth of Gold and Silver, Seal-Skins, Goat-Skins, Alabaster, Cottons, Wool; Galls, Almonds, Spices Drugs, Metals Fruits, Tapestry, Wheat, Barley, &c. The Air is very temperate; save in the southmost parts it is somewhat hot for several moneths, the soil is very different; for in the North parts it is very barren; but in the south parts extraordinary fertile. It was first a part of the *Assyrian* Empire for abve 1300 years; then it revolted, and was governed by its own Kings; then by its Emperors; after that conquered by the *Macedonians* soon after by the *Parthians*: after that by the *Saracens* then by the *Turks*; then by the *Tartars* and then *Usan Cossines* began another line which ended 505 when *Hismael* the founder of the present line of *Persia* began his reign, the Emperor is commonly styled the *Sophi*; and exercises an absolute power; yet it is less despotical than any other of the *Mahumetan* monarchies; This Countrey is divided into 5 large Provinces, the Metropolis and Royal seat is *Hispaham* one of the statlyest and largest Citys in the East. The inhabitants are Mahumetans, with some few Christians and Jews; the Language is the vulgar Persian, compos'd of Arabick, Greek and Tartarian, chief Rivers are Gehun or Allius, Ismeur, Tritini, Bendimir, &c.

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The *Asian* Islands are CYPRUS a famous Isle about 200 m. long and 100 broad, the Air is so pleasant and the Soil so fertile that the ancients called this the *Happy Island*; it was anciently divided into several Kingdoms; but 1472 the *Venetians* possest themselves of it, and 1560 the *Turks* gained it from them and still possess it; It is divided into 7 Sanziacks, the chief Town is Nicosia, or Paphia, here are scarce any Rivers but what in the Summer are almost dried up with the heat of the Sun. *RHODES* a small Isle about 140 miles in compass is of a gentle and temperate Air and an extraordinary fruitful soil, here is but one Town which takes its name from the Island; over whose Harbour stood that famous *Colossus*, who was so big that any Ship might have sailed between his Legs; it was accounted one of the World's 7 wonders This Island was once the residence of the Knights of *St.* John *of* Jerusalem, now *of* Malta: Icaria *or* Niceria, Pharmacusia, Pathmos, where *St* John (being banished by Domitian) wrote the Revelation Claris; Lero; Coos the Birth place of Hippocrates the Physician, and Apelles the Painter, Tenedos So; *&c.* Most of which have their chief Towns called after them; all these are situat in the *Mediterranean* or Archipelago; on the coast of Turky.

The other Isles belonging to *Asia*; ly on the East and south east of it; they are very many both great and small; some say 150000; the inhabitants are all Pagans; or if there be any of other Religions they are but few; every Island has a diffrent language or dialect of its own; tho some particular ones are most used; such as the

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Malyan, Japanian, &c. they are subject to a great many Kings or petty Princes of their own, yet the *Dutch, Portugueez, French, &c.* have considerable shares. The most considerable of these Islands are JAPAN, on the East of *China* about 800 Miles long and 300 broad, the Air is some thing inclined to Cold & tho the ground be overspread with Forrests, and incumbred with Mountains, yet it is aboundantly fertile in Corns; the chief commodities are Gold, Silver, Ivory, Rice, Minerals, *&c.* It is governed by its own Emperor, under whom are upwards of 60 tributary Princes. This Isle is divided into 5 large Provinces, the chief Town is *Meaco:* about JAPAN ly several Islands, such as *Xicoco, Icum, Toy, Inoxima, Malayxma* &c. The Natives are gross *Idolaters*, and the Language is the *Japannean.* PHILIPPIN *Islands* so called from *Philip* 2 of *Spain*, are *S*, W. from *Japan*, the chief are *Luconia* 580 M. long, & 200 broad: it hath for its chief Town *Manilla*, from which these Isles are called *Manills* 2 *Mindonao*, 5 *Paragoa*, 4 *Jona*, 5 *Mandora*, 6 *Jandaya*, &c. the Air here is very temperate, and the soil fertile, they abound in Rice, Anise, Honey, Wax; Sugar, Canes; Cotton, Wool, Gold, *&c.* These are for the most part subject to the King of *Spain*, whose Viceroy stays in *Luconia*, the Natives are *Idolaters*, but some few are converted by the *Jesuits*. MOLLUCO'S, are south from the *Philippines* on both sides the Æquator, the chief are *Colibes* or *Macasar*, 600 miles long

and 280 broad: which contains 5 Kingdoms. GILOLLO contains 3 Kingdoms, the others (of leſs note) are *Fincar*, *Flores*, *Amboyna*, where the *Dutch* put the *Engliſh* to unheard of Torments. *Banda*, &c. BORNEO is on the Weſt of the *Celibes*, of an oval Form about 650 m. long and 600 broad, it contains 3 Kingdoms, the chief Town is *Borneo*, the Air is extreamly hot; and the ſoil indifferently fertile. the Commoditie are Gold, Spices, Wax, Honey, Cotton, Silks, &c. The Religions are *Mahumetan* & *Pagan*, here are ſome few *Chriſtians*. JAVA is on the ſouth weſt of *Borneo*, 600 m. long and 150 broad, its commodities are Cottons, Silks, Rice, Spices, Gold, &c. the chief Towns are *Materan*, *Batavia* and *Bantam*, it is under 9 Kings, but moſt are tributary to him of *Materan*. Theſe who inhabite the midland parts are *Pagans*, but thoſe on the Coaſts are *Mahûmetans*, with ſome few *Chriſtians*. On the North-weſt of *Java* is SUMATRA, on both ſides of the Æquator 920 miles long & 220 broad, the Air is very unwholſome, and the ſoil produces little grain but Rice and Millet, it yieldeth Ginger, Pepper, Camphire, Agarick and Caſſia in great abundance; alſo Wax, Honey, Silks, Cottons, rich Mines of Tin, Iron, Sulphur, and ſuch quantitys of Gold that ſome take it to be *Solomons* OPHIR, it is divided into ſeveral Kingdoms; but particularly into 7, moſt of which are ſubject to the King of *Achem*, the Natives are *Gentiles*; on the coaſt there are very many *Mahumetans*, among whom are ſome few *Chriſtians*, the chief Town

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is *Achem. Borneo, Java. Sumatra*, with others of little note are commonly called the Iſlands *of the ſound*.

CEILON is on the ſouth East of the *Peninſula India intra Gangem* about 250 M. long, and 700 M. in circuit; the Air is very temperate, conſidering this Iſle is wholly in *Torrid Zone* and the ſoil ſo fruitful that the *Indians* call it *Teneraſin*, that *is the land of delights*, ſome will have *Paradiſe* been here, others will have it *Ophir* mentioned in Scriptures; the chief commodities are Oranges, Citrons, Limons, Spices, Drugs, Corn, Oyl; Wine, Honey, Wax, Precious ſtones, Iron, Hemp, Flax; Elephants, Ivory, *&c.* but their greateſt advantage is by the *Date*, which affords the inhabitants meat, drink and boats, it is ſubject to 9 Kings, moſt whereof are tributary to him of *Candia*; & the *Portuguez* have here ſome ſooting; the Natives are *Idolaters*, with ſome few *Mahumetans* and fewer *Chriſtians*, the chief Town is *Candia*.

The MALDIVES are an incredible number of ſmall Iſles on both ſides of the Æquator ſouth-weſt from *Ceylon*, the chief Commodities are *Citrons, Pomegranates, Oranges, Bananes*, and the *Coco*, which furniſhes them with all things neceſſary for Mans Life, they extract from it Honey, Sugar, Milk, Oyl, Butter, *&c.* And its *Kernells* they eat inſtead of bread with all ſorts of meat; the leaf of it, when green, ſerves for Paper; when dry, they fold it in little bands, and make *Panniers, Hats, &c.* of the *Sprig* (when dry) they make *Cabi-*

nets, Chists, &c. of the Shell which incloses the Fruits they make Spoons, Ladles, &c. of the Trunk they make Boats, &c. They are divided into 13 Clusters, or Attalons, they are all subject to one King; who terms himself King of 13 Provinces and 12000 Isles; he resides at Mals; the inhabitants are Gentiles, with some Mahumetans.

III. AFRICA.

AFRICA the most Meridional part of our Continent, is a vast Peninsula; bounded on the North by the Mediterranean Sea, on the West and South by the Atlantick and Æthiopick Oceans, on the East with the Red-Sea, and on the North-East it is joyned to Asia by an Isthmus so small, that several have designed to cut it. It is of a Triangular or Pyramidical Form: (whose Basis looks to the North) yet it has 4 famed Promontories, which advance toward the 4 principal Airths: viz. Cape-bona, to the North Cape-Verd to the West, Cape of good Hope, to the South, and Cape guard a fuy to the East. Its Diamensions are much contraverted by Geographers: Some make it 5256 M. long others 5840; others 2000 Leagues; others but 4800 Miles: As to the breadth, there is not so much difference; some make it 1800 Leagues;

Leagues; others 4200 miles; but both this Length and Breadth are found much less in all other places; For the Occidental parts are not above 7 or 800 leagues from North to South, and near the *Æquator* it is about 800 Leagues from East to West, and from thence stretches it self South, and ends in a point; It *it* less than *Asia*, and larger than *Europe*, but in general not so considerable as either, being for the most part under the *Torrid Zone*, and therefore scorched with the *Sun*'s excessive Heat. It is full of vast sandy Deserts, which lying open to the Winds are often thrown up into Billows like the *Waves* of the Sea & overwhelm all before them; these are inhabited by *Lions*, *Leopards*, *Camels*, *Elephants*, *Tygers*, Serpents, and all sorts of venemous, fierce & cruel Beasts. The Natives are all of a tawnie brown colour, and a great part are *Black*. It was peopled by *Cham*, and is only renown'd for the famous Governments of *Egypt* & *Carthage*. The Religions may be reduced to five; *viz*. Mahumetan, Pagan, Jewish, Christian an Libertine. The Languages are chiefly Six, *viz* Arabick, *Ægyptian*, Abassin, Aquilameric, Sangai and Gubso, there are many others of less note; such as Syriack or Chaldean spoke by the Jews. It is under the Government of 3 Emperors, *viz*. *Morocco*, Abyssina and *Manomotapa*: many Kings, as Nubia, Congo, Tombut, *&c*. The *Turks* have a very considerable share; The *Portuguez*, *Dutch*, *Danes*, *French*, *English*, &c. have several Towns and

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Forts along the Coast, and many places are free.

Africa is divided into *Lybia* and *Ethiopia*, LYBIA is divided into *Exterior* and *Interior* ETHIOPIA is likewise divided into *Exterior* and *Interior*, LYBIA *Exterior* contains *Barbary*, *Bilidulgerid* and *Egypt*, BARBARY lyes along the *Mediterranean* Sea, betwixt *Egypt* & the *Atlantick Ocean* about 2900 Miles long & 300 broad, tho in some places not 80; its chief Commodities are Honey, Wax, Oyl, Wine Corn, Sugar, Flax, Hemp, Fruits, Dates, Hides, &c. The Countrey was in ancient times under the state of *Carthage* the Kings of *Mauritania* and *Numidia*, after that it was conquered by the *Romans*, afterwards by the *Vandals* then again by the *Romans*, then by the *Saracens*, after that divided into several Kingdoms till at last the *Turks* conquered part of it: at present the *Xeriffs* of *Morocco* possess the Western, and the *Turks* the Eastern parts of it; the *Spaniards*, *Portuguez*, *Dutch*, &c. have some places on the Coasts, and some few places are free. It is divided into 6 parts, *viz.* *Morocco*, the most Western Province 340 M. long, and 200 broad, it is divided into 7 parts *Morocco* is the chief Town. FESS is on the North-East of *Morocco* 360 miles long, & 230 broad, it contains 7 Provinces, *Fez* is the chief Town; this with the former Province is under the Emperor of *Morocco*. ALGIERS on the East of *Fez*, 600 miles long & 260 broad is divided into 5 Provinces, the chief Town is *Algier*, very famous for its *Pyrats*, this is mostly

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under the *Turks*. TUNIS is East from *Algeirs* 300 miles long and 200 broad, it is divided into 6 Provinces, the chief Town is *Tunis*, a place of great Trafficke, built near the ruines of *Carthage*, which was once the *Metropolis* of all *Africa*, it was built by Queen *Dido*, and having many years contended with *Rome* which of them should be the Mistress of the World, was at last destroyed by *Scipio Æmilianus*, it was of old a *Bishops* seat, and is now called *Bersack*. This Province is under the *Turks*, who govern it by a *Bassa*. TRIPOLI is on the East of *Tunis* 690 miles long, & 150 broad, divided into 3 parts. the chief Town is *Tripoli* a Town enriched by the piracy; the seat a *Bassa*. BARCA is on the East of *Tripoli* 700 miles long, and 150 broad, divided into 2 parts, the chief Town is *Barca*, this province is under the *Turks*. The inhabitants of *Barbary* are chiefly *Mores*, *Turks*, *Arabians* (zealous professors of *Mahumetanism*) with several *Europeans* (who are *Christians*) and some *Jews*, the Language is *Arabick* and *Morish*, tho in many parts differently spoken, but in *Morocco* and *Fez* they use the *Aquelamling* almost the same with the old *punic*, the chief Rivers are *Guadebar major*, *Ommiana*, ; &c.

BILEDULGERID is on the south *of Barbary*, about 3000 miles long and 400 broad, tho in some places not above 100; the Air is very hot, and the Ground for the most part sandy, the chief Commodities are Dates in abundance: Cattel, some Corn; Euforbium and

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Indigo. It was unconquered (except partly by the *Romans*) till the Year 710, it was over-run by the *Saracens*, but they soon left it: at present it is under several petty Kings, and some Arabian *Chiaks* or *Chiefs*, many of whom are Tributary to the Emperor of *Morocco*, some places not worth conquering are free, where the half naked inhabitants have scarce any Government at all, and being given to Robbery live in Tents, which they remove as occasion serves: it contains 8 Provinces, viz. *Tesset* or *Sus* (the most western) *Dara*, *Segelmessa*, *Tegerarin*, *Zib*, *Tichort*, *Biled el gered*, and the Deserts of *Barca*: *Dara* is the chief Town of the whole: The inhabitants are (for the most part) strict *Mahumetans*, but a great many are still *Idolaters*: Here are some *Jews*, who reside in the places of greatest resort: Here are (besides the true Natives) a great many *Arabians*, who live by hunting *Ostriges*, for they sell the Feathers, eat the Flesh, make bags of the Skins, Divine by the Heart, make Medicaments of the Fat & pendants for the Ears of the Claws and Beaks. The *Arabick* Tongue is most used, tho' in many places they speak the old *Punick*. The chief Rivers are *Dara* and *Zizus*.

ÆGYPT one of the famousest Countreys in the World, and the most fertile in all *Africa* is bounded on the West with *Barbary* and *Biledulgerid*, on the North with the *Mediterranean*, and on the East with the *Isthmus* of *Zuez* (by which it is join'd to *Asia*) and *Red-Sea*. It is about 700 miles long, & 300 broad:

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The chief Commodities are Sugar, Flax, Rice all sorts of Grain and Fruit, Linnen, Balsam Senna, Butargio, Cassia, &c. This Conntrey, was first peopled by *Misraim* the Son of *Chus*, the Grand-child of *Noah* by *Cham*, and was governed by Princes of its own till A.M. 3365. *Nebuchadnezzer* subdued it, yet it (being far off from the Conqueror's other Empires) recovered its Liberty; But *Cambyses* conquered it the 2d time A. M. 3425. *Xerxes* conquer'd it about the Year 3573. but the *Egyptians* set up Princes of their own again, which necessitated *Artaxerxes Ochus* to come in person, who reduced them; about the Year 3620 they willingly submitted to *Alexander* the great, then they had Kings of their own till conquered by the *Romans*, then *Anno Christi* 862 they called in the *Saracen Califs*, afterwards they had Princes of their own, til 1517 the *Turks* subdued them, under whose miserable Yoak they still groan: The Grand Segnieur, who governs this Kingdom by a *Bassa*, draws of yearly Revenue from it 1800000 *Zeccheens*, which is about 8 Millions & 10000 *lib. sterl.* It is divided into 4 parts, viz. *Eriff* or the lower *Egypt* on the *Mediterranean* Sea, it is divided into five Governments, the Metropolis is *Alexandria* a celebrated Port, & of old the Seat of a Patriarch, *Bechria*, *Demisor*, or the middle *Egypt* is on the South of *Eriff*: It is divided into Three Governments, the chief Town is *Cairo*, near which (as is said) are *Joseph's* granaries and the *Cheopean* pyramids one of the Worlds 7 Wonders. *Sahel*

or the upper *Egypt* is on the south of *Beehrla* divided into 5 Governments, chief town is *Sahed*. The Coasts of the *Red-Sea* are on the East of *Saheid*, the chief Town is *Cossir*. *Cairo* is the chief Town of all. The inhabitants are *Copti*, *Moors*; *Turks*, *Jews* and *Greeks*, for the most part strict *Mahumetans*, with some few *Christians* called *Copti*, *Jacobites* in sect. The Language is the *Arabick* or *Moorish* and *Turkish*, and in many places the old *Egyptian* or *Coptick* tho now mixed with *Greek*, *Latine* and *Arabick* words. The only River in this Countrey is *Nile*, the largest, famousest and sweetest in the world, whose annual inundation which begins about the 17 of *June*, and and increasing for the space of 40 Days, extremly fattens the Soil.

LYBIA *interior* contains *Zaara*, *Nigritia* & *Guinea*, ZAHARA or *Saara*, is (an *Arabian* word, which signifies a *desert*) about 2900 miles long, and 700 broad, tho' in some places not above 150. It is bounded on the North with *Biledulgerid*, and on the *West* with the *Atlantick* Ocean, the Air is extremly hot & the soil so barren, that it is scarce able to maintain its few inhabitants; One may travel some hundreds of miles without seeing either *Tree*, *Grass* or *Water*, and meet with nothing but Mountains of *Sand*, *Lyons*, *Tygers*, & *Serpents*. which makes the Inhabitants wear Boots, to preserve their Legs from their biting. The few Commodities are *Dates*, *Camels* *Cattel*, *Indigo*. &c. How it was anciently governed is very uncertain, this being so mean a

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Countrey; few thought it worth the conquering, at present it is under several petty Princes and some *Arabian chiefs*, in many places there is not the least sign of Government, for the Natives are so wild, they keep no certain residence. It is divided into 7 deserts, viz. *Zankaga* (on the *Atlantick* Ocean) *Zuenziga*, *Targa*, or *Zahara*; *Lempto* or *Suma*, *Bardoa*, *Borno*; and *Goago*. The *Arabs* divide it thus, *Cebes*, where it is all Sand, without any greenness, *Zaara* where is some grass but more sand, and *Asgar* full of lakes, grass and shrubs, the chief town (or rather village) is *Zuenziga*. Its old inhabitants were the *Getuli* & *Garamantes* a vagrant kind of People, the Natives are chiefly gross *Idolaters*, a great many are *Libertines* who have not the least sign of Worship, *Mahumetism* is come a great length amongst them: the *Christian* Faith was once planted here; but it was eradicated by the *Saracens* about the year 710. The Language is for the most part a corrupt *Arabick*, and in many places the old *Punick*, and that of the *Negroes*. The chief Rivers are *Ghir* and *Rio dos Cavales*.

NIGRITIA (or the land of *Negroes*) is so called from its inhabitants who are *Black*; It is about 2600 miles long and 800 broad, tho' in some places scarce the half, this Countrey is wholly under the torrid *Zone*, the Air is so excessively hot, that the inhabitants are intolerably scorched, and the ground, as it were, burnt up with the Sun. The chief Commodities are *Ostriges*, *Gummy*, *Amber*, *Gold*, *Saunders*, *Cotton*, *Civet*, *Ivory*, *Corn*, *Millet*, *Slaves*; &c.

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How it was governed is uncertain, till *Joseph* K. of *Morocco* conquered it; but the inhabitants recovering their Liberty, had Kings of their own; at present it is under a great many Kings, some of whose dominions are contain'd within the bounds of a few Villages, but there are 2 or three great ones to whom the rest are Homagers; some places are free, others towards the Coast, belong to the *Portuguez*, *Hollanders*, *Danes*, &c. It is divided into 4 large Provinces; the chief town is *Tombute*, the Natives are all black, and he whose Nose is flattest is thought the greatest beauty: as to Religion, they are *Mahumetans* or grosse *Idolaters*; these in the midland Provinces have scarce any sign of Worship; there are abundance of both *Christians* & *Jews* in the *European* Towns the Language is that call'd *Sungai*, & in many places they use the *Guoes*; but in every Village almost they are spoken with a various dialect: the chief River is *Niger*, which divides this Countrey almost in the middle, & by overflowing his Banks mightily fertilizes the circumjacent Regions.

GUINEA or *Guiana* is on the South of *Negroland*, and is wash'd on the West and South with the Ocean, it is about 2000 miles long & 400 broad, but in some places but about 200. This Countrey is wholly under the *Torrid Zone*, & therefore subject to the Suns excessive heat, which is so scorching, that were it not for the rains and coolness of the nights it would be altogether unhabitable. The Soil is extremly fertile, producing the choicest grains and fruits.

ruits, the chief Commodities are Gold, Ivory, Cotton, Honey, Wax; Ambergreese, Hides, Pepper, Spices, Sugar, Saunders, Civit, *Wheat*, Salt, Parats, Apes, Slaves, &c. This Countrey is often reckoned a part of *Nigritia* and has had much the same fortune with it, at present it is under a great many Soveraigns, some of whom have 500 Wives. The *Dutch*, *Portuguez*, *English*, *Danes*, &c. have considerable places along the Coasts, it is divided into 3 parts, viz. *Maloguat*, *Guinea propria* and *Benin*, the chief Town is *Arda*. The Natives are grosse Idolaters, and very superstitious in observing many ancient customs in their Pagan worship, *Mahumetanism* daily creepeth in amongst them; In the *European* Towns *Christianity* is professed, the Language used most, is called *Guber*, every few *Miles*, spoke in a different dialect, the chief Rivers are *Volta* and *Seviriada*.

ETHIOPIA is divided into the *Interior* & *Exterior*, or the *Higher* & *Lower*; the HIGHER contains *Nubia*, *Abyssina*. and *Zanquibar*, NUBIA is on the South-West of *Egypt* and East of *Zaara*, about 1100 miles long & 700 broad, the Air is extremly hot, and the ground towards *Nile* exceedingly fertile, but elsewhere being sandy, is very barren, the chief Commodities are Gold, Civet, Sugar, Sandal-wood, Arms, Cloth, and a poison so exquisitely subtile that an ounce of it is valued at 100 Ducats. How it was anciently governed is not certain, but at present it is under its own independant King, a very mighty Monarch,

who is able to raise an Army of 100000 Horse. It is divided into 6 parts, the chief Town is *Dancala*, & the Royal seat is *Nubia*. The inhabitants were once *Christians*, but for want of Ministers to instruct them, are now fallen off, and are either grosse *Idolaters* or strict *Mahumetans*, yet they retain some signs of *Christianity*, (as *Baptism* in many places) their Language is compos'd of *Arabick*, *Chaldaan* & *Egyptian*, but they perform many of their devotions in the old *Coptick*. The chief Rivers are *Nile* and *Nubia*.

ABYSSINA is on the south of *Nubia* 2100 miles long and 1500 broad, this countrey being wholly in the *Torrid Zone* is of an Air so intolerably hot that sometimes the *Suns* heat excoriats the very skin, yet in the immense Gulphs & dreadful profunditys between some high Mountains, it is abundantly temperate, which is very refreshful to *Sun*-burnt inhabitants. The soil is very different, for in some places adjacent to the numerous branches of *Nilus* it is so fertile, that there are two Harvests a year, but in places remote from them nothing but vast Deserts are to be had, inhabited only by Elephants, Camels, Lyons, Tygers Panthers, Wolfs, Serpents, with many other such like Venemous and Ravenous Animals. The chief Commodities are Metals, Gold, precious Stones, Corn, Cattel, Salt, Flax, some Wine, Sugar, Canes, Cinamon, Pepper, Millet, Barley, Pulse, Oranges, Limons, Honey, Wax, Horses, Cows, Oxen, Sheep, &c. some say this Coun-

Countrey was of old governed only by Queens so that we read that the Queen of *Sheba* of the South came to King *Solomon*, to hear of his admirable Wisdom; but it has been for many Ages and still is under its own Emperor, who is commonly called PRESTER or *Presbyter JOHN*, or *Chan*, which in the *Persian* tongue signifys *a Prince of excellent Servants*: he is called by the Moors ASSIEILA *Bassi*, and by the *Ethiopians* JOHN BELUL, who is a most absolute Prince using his Subjects worse than many Slaves, and is so mightily reverenced by them, that at his very name they bow their bodies and touch the ground with one of their fingers, & when they swear 'tis by the life of the Emperor He uses many high titles, such as *Suprem Governour of my Kingdoms; only beloved of God, the pillar of Faith, descended from the Stock* of Judah, *the Son of* David, *the Son of* Solomon, *the Son of the* Column *of* Zion, *the Son of the Seed of* Jacob, *the Son of the hand of* Mary, *the Son of* Nahu, *after the Flesh, and of St.* Peter *and St.* Paul *after the* Spirit, *Lord of the* Higher and Lower *Ethiopia*, of my large Jurisdictions, Kingdoms, Territorys, *&c.* naming every Province. No privat subject (except a very few Nobles) has any thing of his own, all their Lands and Possessions are the Kings, and are enjoyed precariously by the subject, and tho' the King take all a Man has (and give it to whom he pleases) he beareth it very patiently. The King always lives in Tents, and seldom long in any place, This Countrey was

badly (if at all) known to the Ancients, and as yet not well discovered by the *Europeans*. It contains 30 (known) Provinces, the chief town is *Anuma* or *Ascum*, the inhabitants professe the Christian Faith, which was first preached here (as is supposed) by the *Eunuch* of the Queen of *Candace*, who as he returned from *Jerusalem* was baptized by St. *Philip*. St. *Matthew* the Evangelist and Apostle preached the Gospel here also, but it had little growth till the year 470: they have the Old Testament translated from the *Septuagint-version*, and the New from the Authentick Greek; yet they use many *Jewish* like Ceremonies, as Circumcision, abstinence from eating Swines flesh, and blood. Their Language is the *Abassine* which is mightily ally'd to the *Arabick* and serves greatly to illustrat the oriental tongues. This Church is governed by a *Patriarch*, and the choosing of Bishops belongs only to the King. The chief Rivers are *Nile* and *Hawas*.

ZANGUEBAR, or *Zanzibar*, is a large Countrey on the East of *Abassines*, south of *Egypt*, lying along the Oriental Ocean, on this side and beyond the *Equator*; it is about 3000 miles long, and 360 broad, tho' in some places but 80; the chief Commodities are Gold Silver, Ambergreese, Pearls, Rice, Mill, Oyl, Cattel, Lemons, Oranges, &c. some parts of this Countrey were formerly subject to the *Abyssinean* Emperors, but they were over-run by the *Turks*, *Arabians*, *Portugueze*, and such like; at present it is under a great many petty Kings,

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some of the North parts are under the *Turks*, many places along the Coast belong to the *Portugueze*. It is divided into 3 principal parts, *viz. Zanguebar* properly so called, of old *Barbary*; it is divided into 4 parts; the chief Town is *Mosambique*. 2. The Coast of *AJAN* is on the North of *Zanguebar*. It is divided into 4 parts, the chief Town is *Brava*; 3. The Coast of ABEX is the most northern province, and is sometimes call'd *New Arabia*, it contains 4 Provinces; the chief Town is *Arrece*. The Natives are *Idolaters*, among whom are many *Arabians* who are *Mahumetans*, and *Portugueze* who are *Christians*. The Languages are chiefly *Arabick* and *Abassine*, tho' spoke in many different Dialects, the *Portugueze* is also much used. The chief Rivers are *Magadoxa*, *Ingo* and *Zambuzo*.

The Lower *ETHIOPIA* contains Congo, *Mono-Motapa* and *Cafferia*. CONGO in its largest extent, is about 1800 miles long and 900 broad it lyes upon the S. E. of *Guinea*, betwixt *Abissina* on the East and the Ocean on the West. This countrey, tho' under the *Torrid Zone*, is of a very temperate Air, for the winds and rains greatly asswage the heat; which is almost unsupportable in the neighbouring Countries: No place in *Africa* is better watered with Rivers which is the cause the soil is so fertile. The chief Commodities are Gold, Silver, Ivory, Eboay, Cattel, Barley, Slaves, &c. As to its ancient Government, little or nothing can be said; for the barbarous Natives, who are Despisers of Learning, keep few or no Records; at present it;

it is under many Kings, these of *Congo* and *Portugal* are the chief. This vast Countrey is chiefly divided into 2 great parts, viz. *Biafara* and *Congo*: BIAFARA is mostly on this side of the *Æquator*, upwards of 1000 Miles long and 800 broad; in it are 6 Kingdoms under their own Kings: The chief Town is *Biafara*. CONGO is beyond the *Æquator*, little less than *Biafara*, divided into 4 large Provinces: they are partly under Kings of their own, partly under the *Portuguez*, & partly free: the chief Town is *Saint Salvador* belonging to the *Portuguez*. The Inhabitants are a very ignorant people, many are grosse Idolaters, who believe, *The Sun to be a Man, the Moon a Woman, and the Stars their children*. By the influence of the *Capuchines* they once owned themselves *Christians*, but they never being well grounded in any Religious Principles, about the year 1640, abandoned both Name & Profession. Some of the Natives are said to be so much in love with Dogs Flesh, that they breed whole Flocks of them together, and one well fed is valued at 200 Crowns; Their Languages are chiefly that called *Gubio*, & the *Portuguez*, with many others of less note: The chief Rivers are *Zaire*, *De S: Spiritu*, *Berbela*, *Lelunde*, *Loze*, *Coanza*, &c.

MONO MOTAPA is on the S: E: of *Congo*, S: of *Abissina*, and S: W: of *Zanguebar*, in all other parts it is surrounded with *Cafferia*, it is about 1350 miles long and 800 broad; it is partly under the *Torrid*, partly the *Antartick temperate Zone*, full of Mountains, yet of an

Air

Air aboundantly temperat: the soil is more fit for Pasturage than Grain. The chief commodities are Ivory, Gold, Silver, Copper, Oyl, Cittel, several sorts of Grains and Fruits. This Countrey was no ways known to the Ancients, therefore little or nothing can be said of its former Government: at present it is under a great many Princes, who are tributary to the Emperor, who is ordinarly called *Tobaqui*, or *The Golden Emperor*, he is one of the mightiest Monarchs in *Africa*, to whose person there is no access but with great submission. He is always deckt with Bracelets & precious stones as a Woman, nor will he wear any forraign Stuffs for fear of Poison or Witchcraft, and by the Laws of the Kingdom, he must follow the Fashion of his Predecessors, except the Twist, the Collet, and the Buskins, which he may change: His Court serve him with Order and Silence; His ordinary Guard is made up of a Regiment of Women, and another of Dogs. It is divided into 2 great parts, *viz.* 1. MONOMUGI in the North parts, 780 miles long, & 370 broad: it contains 3 Provinces: *Zembre* is the chief Town. 2 *Manomotapa*, 1030 miles long, and 800 broad: it contains 3 Provinces, the chief Town and imperial Seat is *Madrogan*, which is commonly called *Monomotapa*. The Natives are all Black, of a low stature, bottle Nos'd, thick Lip'd, and wooly Hair'd: they have no Arms but Bows, Arrows and Pikes, & are so swift, they can out-run an Horse: they call themselves *Hodmadods* or *Hattantotts*: they are cloth'd but below the *Middle*, and that with skins of Beast: the Maids go stark naked, so

that a *Man* may choose his *Wife* according to the custom of *Utopia*. They are very superstitious, and some few are converted by the *Portuguez*. The Language is that called *Gubia*, and in many places a corrupt *Arabick*, The chief Rivers are *Indires*, *Zambreid*, *de Spiritu S.* and *Los Infantos*.

CAFFERIA, or, *The coast of the* Cafre, the Southmost Country of all *Africa*, winding like a semi-circle about *Monomotapa*, its largest extent (along the Coasts) is about 3900 miles, but no where above 400 broad. The Air is somewhat inclined to Cold, and the ground full of Woods, the chief commodities are Gold, Ostriges, Geese, Ducks, Foxes, Deers, Cattel &c. How it was anciently governed is not at all known; at present it is under a great many Kings, for the most part subject to the Emperor of *Monomotapa*, some are under the *Portugueze* and *Dutch*. Under the Name *Caffreria* are contained 6 Kingdoms; the chief Town is *Sofalat*: The *Cafres* are *Libertines*, living without any sign of Religion, or the knowledg of a GOD, they have no spark of Devotion, no symptome of Heaven or Hell, no place set apart for Worship, no Sabbath for Rest; they are all Black, of an ugly countenance & low stature, their Language is so inarticulat, that no Man but themselves could ever understand, for it resembles the Clocking of Hens, or the Gobling of Geese; neither can any be more irrational or Brutish as to their Manners, being a *Man-eating* people. In the Southmost part of *Africa* is that famous Promontory, called the

the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, ſo named, becauſe that being once paſt, the Seamen had good hopes to arrive at the *Eaſt-Indies*; the chief Rivers are *Zambre*, *de S. Spiritu*, & *Los Infantos*.

The AFRICAN Iſlands are *MADAGASCAR*, or St. *Laurence's Iſle* (ſo called, becauſe the *Portugueze* diſcovered it on St. *Laurence's* Day) lyes over againſt *Zanguebar*; the Air is temperate enough, and the ſoil very fertile, 1100 miles long, and 300 broad; its chief commodities are Gold, Silver, Coper, Iron, white Marble, Tallow, Cotton, Indico, Ginger, Cloves, red Sanders, Saffron, Amber, Honey, Wax, Gums, Chriſtal, Coco Nuts, Salt, *&c.* it is under ſeveral petty Princes, whom they call *Rohandrians*. and ſome places on the Coaſts are under the *French*; it is not well diſcovered, but contains 8 (known) Provinces, the chief towns are *Fanshere* & *Caremboulo*. Some of the Natives are *Blacks*, others *Whites*; for the moſt part of a tall ſtature; they are great eaters and much addicted to idleneſs. They care neither for gold nor ſilver, nor (almoſt) any thing elſe, but are Beads and Bracelets for Ornament, Muſick & Dancing for Recreation. They are groſs *Idolaters* being much given to *adoration* (ſome ſay of the *Devil*) offering ſacrifices in woods, not having any Churches. Tho they ſcarce have any form of Government, Nature hath taught them to puniſh Murder by Death. Theft by Baniſhment, and (tho they allow *Polygamy*) Adultery by publick ſhame. They uſe many Languages, but chiefly a corrupt *Arabick*.

The ISLES of *Cape* VERD ly in the *Atlantick* Ocean. Right against *Cape Verd* is Nigritia in number ten, the chief Town and Island is *St Jago*. they are possessed by the *Portugueze*, who transport from them yearly incredible quantities of salt, Goat-skins; (of which they make excellent *Cordevants*) Rice, Fruits, *&c.* The Air is not very wholsome, nor the soil very fertile: CANARY ISLANDS ly in the *Atlantick* Ocean over against *Biledulgerid*, they are seven in number, the chief Isle is *Tenerif*, and the chief Town *Canaria*, the Air is so very wholsome and the soil so extraordinaly fertile (for they have two harvests a year) that the Ancients called them the *Fortunate Islands*, the chief Commodities are most excellent *Wines*, Honey, Wax, Sugar, Oad, Plantons, Dragons-bloed, Canary-birds, Fruits, *&c.* these Isles belong to the King of *Spain*, here his *West-India Fleet* is yearly rendezvous'd, these Islands are remarkable for a tree (in the Isle *Fero*) which distills as much Water as serves its inhabitants, and *Pico* (in the Isle *Tenerif*) one of the highest *Mountains* in the World, where some Geographers begin the first *Meridian*: North from *Canaries* are MADERA & PORTO SANCTO, which were over-grown with Wood when the *Portugueze* discovered them 1428. the Air is very sweet and wholsome, and the soil exceeding fertile, their Vines bearing more Clusters than leaves the chief Commodities are *Wine*, Sugar, Wheat, Citrons, Oranges, Pomegranats, *&c.*

AZORES

AZORES or *Torcera's* are on the N. W. of *Canaries* subject to the *Portuguez*, they are in number nine, the chief Isle is St. *Michael*, & the chief town *Angra*, the See of an Arch: Bishop and Residence of the Governour, the commodities are *Wine*, *Flesh*, *Fruits*, *Oad*, *singing Birds*. *&c.*

MALTA; of old *Melita* is situat in the *Mediterranean* betwixt *Sicily* and *Tripoli*, about 60 miles in circuit, the Air is very wholsome and *Soil* which is little more than two foot deep produceth Indigo, Ani-seeds; Cuminseed. Barley, Cotton, Wool, *&c.* it has little Corn or Wine, but that defect is supplyed from *Sicily*, This *Isle* had formerly the same Lords as *Sicily*, & was given by *Charles* V. to the Knights of St. *John* of *Jerusalem*, (who after they lost *Rhodes* had no certain residence) now designed of *Malta*, the master of the order is now Prince or chief Governour of this Isle & the number of the Knights are about 3000 no place in the World is better fortified, as being the Bulwark of *Christendom*, having upwards of 300 Cannon mounted on all her Fortresses, the chief Town is *Valet*. On the coast of *Malta* are some smaller Isles, as *Gaza*, *Cemino*, *Forfolo* *&c.* The less remarkable Isles of AFRICA, (ly scattered up and down the *Atlantick* and *Æthiopick* Oceans, they differ both in Air and *Soil* according to the climates they ly in, as to their Languages and Religions little can be said) are ZOCATORA near the mouth of the *Red sea* under the *Arabians* on the coast of *Zanzibar* and *Madagascar*, ly

Mascaren.

Mascarentias, *S: Francisco*, *Pembo*, *Mensia*, *Arco*, *Comoro*, *de S Spiritu*, *de Gala*, *Natare*, *St: Angulonia*, *Maurice*, *Baixos d' India John de nova*, &c On the *West* of *Africa* ly *St: Helena* inhabited by the *English*. *Annobon*, *Princes* Island, *St Thomas* (under the *Æqnator*) subject to the *Portuguez*, *St: Mathiu*, *Ascention*

IV. AMERICA.

THis vast Countrey (according to the common Division) maketh the 4*th* part of the world, which was altogether unknown to the *Europeans*, till about the Year 1460, when *Christopher Columbus* a *Genouese*, considering 'twere improbable that God would suffer the waters to cover, by very far, the greatest part of the Earth, was very curious to discover more land toward the *West*, whereupon he opened his design to the state of *Genoa*, but was by it rejected, which made him send his Brother to K. *Henry* VII. of *England*, but meeting with no good success, he addres'd the Court of *Spain*, where, after six years attendance, he was at last furnished with 3 ships, not for conquest, but for discovery; He sailed westward more than 2 moneths, & at last landed at an Island which the Natives called *Haitai*, but he named it HISPANIOLA, and having sailed further discovered CUBA, and then returned with much treasure to *Spain*, where he was joyfully receiv'd, & sent back

back with a great Fleet to see if he could discover a continent, which he did; & call'd that part where he landed *HISPANIA NOVA*; Seven years after this *Americus Vespusius a Florentine* was sent by *Emmanuel K.* of *Portugal*, to discover it better, in which he was so happy, that his name was given to the coast he discovered; and in fine to the whole continent, but it is no less frequently called the WEST INDIES. Yet it seems the Ancients knew something of it: for *Plato* speaks of an *Atlantick Isle*, and esteems it as great, or greater than both *Asia*, and *Africa*; *Theopompus* also mentions another continent besides ours, and says, its greatness is so vast, that it was not fully known; Now what else could *Plato's Isle*, or *Theopompus's continent* be, but *America*? The Dimensions of this *New World* are but badly known; It reaches beyond the 54 *d* of S. Lat: and its Northern bounds are not much discovered beyond the 65 *d*. by reason of the extream cold, and its vicinity to the North *Pole*. It is bounded on the East with the *Atlantick* or *main Ocean*, on the south by the *streights* of *Magellan*, and on the west by the *pacifick Ocean* or *Mare del Zur*. It is about 7000 m. long and 3360 broad, divided into two large peninsula's by the *Isthmus* of *Darien* or *streight* of *Panama*, where it is but a few Leagues over, the southern is called *Peruana*, and the Northern *Mexicana*; Of the Quality of the soil and air of the country in general, little can be said: seing it taketh up such a vast space it admits all variety either of the plenty or want which is found in the other continent,

in some places admirably fertile, in others wonderfully barren; some places are very temperate, others scorching hot, some again unhabitable because of their extream cold; some places are watered with noble Rivers: others are infested with perpetual drought; some parts Hilly; some plain; some *Woods*, and what not in some tract or other within the bounds of *America*? How it was first peopled can be but gues'd at, for none can tell when or who first inhabited it; some think either by force or chance a Ship sailing along the *European* or *African* Coasts was by the Eastern winds driven so far West, that they have arrived at these Lands; others conceiving the N. E of *Asia* to be separate from the N. W. of *America* by some small streight, affirm it was peopled by the *Tartars*, for the West-side of *America*, which is neerest *Asia*, is far better peopled than the East, which regards *Europe* and *Africa*, and the manners of these people much resemble these of the *Tartars*. When the *Spaniards* first entered this Countrey, they found the Inhabitants of a reasonable fair complexion, very little if at all inclining to blackness; very *Barbarous*, *Idolatrous* and *Ignorant*, going quite naked, & altogether skilless of Agriculture; *Satan* had so blinded them, that they worshipped *Sun*, *Moon* and *Stars*, and in many places paid Adoration to the *Devil*, yet had they some dark Notions of the *Souls* Immortality, of the *Rewards* and *Punishments* after this Life; & that in some place beyond the Hills, the Blessed & those who died in the defence of their Countrey, reaped eternal Happiness; they had a-

bundance of Gold and Siver, yet valued them no better than we do droſs, but for colours ſake they adorned themſelves with them, alſo with Shells, Feathers, &c. They had no Ships (except *Canoa's* made like a Trough out of ſome huge Tree) which made them wonder at the *Spaniſh*; ſo as to think they were immortall Gods: But thoſe monſtrouſly tyrannical *Spaniards*, more ſavage than the wildeſt of the *Americans*, ſoon made them believe otherways; for by their unheard of Cruelty, they ſhewed themſelves rather *Devils* from *Hell*, than *Gods* from *Heaven*; they behaving moſt inhumanly toward the unarmed Natives; maſſacring them every where: theſe they left alive are made like beaſts to labour in their *Mines*, to do all drudgeries, and in a word trucle under the unſupportable yoke of their ſevereſt labours; yea they plunged them in ſuch a Jeopardy of deſpair, that perſwading one of their Nobles to turn Chriſtian and be baptized, he anſwered to this purpoſe, *he'd rather be damn'd in Hell with the unbelieving* Americans *than be ſaved in Heaven with the bloody* Spaniards. They were under a great many Lords of their own, ſome of whom the *Spaniards* butchered, others they made do Homage to the K: of *Spain*. They every few leagues uſed a different dialect, theſe of *Cuſco* and *Mexico* were almoſt underſtood by all: at preſent it is under the *Europeans* who are *Spaniards*, *Portugueze*, *Engliſh*, *Dutch*, *French*, and *Danes*, and towards the Midland Countreys the Natives maintain as well as they can their Liberty; Theſe Natives that live to-

wards the Coast with the *Europeans*, they might be civilized, but they in the inland retain their ancient Customs.

CANADA or new *France* is a large Countrey in the *West* of *America*, which reaches further North than any place yet discovered, it is about 1000 M: long and about the same breadth; Tho the Air is cold, yet it is very healthful, and the Countrey would be very fertile, if cultivated; it abounds in Woods, whence the inhabitants get *Stags*, *Conies*, *Fowls*, *fewel* &c. Its other commodities are *Bevers*, *Mouse-skins*, *Furrs*, *Stockfish*, *Whale-Oyl*, *Cattel*, &c. The known parts were discovered and are chiefly subject to the *French*. It is divided into 4 parts, viz. *Estoitland*, otherways called *New Britain*, *Terra de Labrador*, or the land of *Cortereal*: this Countrey contains all the North parts, and was first discovered by some *Friesland* fishers driven thither by a tempest near 200 years before *Columbus*, it is very Mountanous, Woody and full of wild Beasts. (2) CANADA PROPRIA, contains 23 sorts of People, with whom the *French* have good Trade. (3) LA NOUVELLE FRANCE is on the south-east of *Canada* 950 miles long and 100 broad, chief towns are *Quibeck*, *Brest*, &c. NOVA SCOTIA or *Accadia* is a Peninsula 446 *Miles* long and 300 broad on the south of *New France*, the chief Town is *Portroyal*. The Religions and Languages are very different for the *Europeans*, speak the Language, & use the Religion of the Countrey they came from: the *Savage Natives* are distributed into several Nations under the Government of the *Sag-*

moses; who are the eldest of their Families, they still retain their ancient manners, and every few Leagues speak different dialects, they believe when they die they are carried unto the Stars, and thence are conveyed into fields abounding in trees and flowers, &c. the chief River is *Canada* or St. *Laurence*, also called of the 3 brethren about 800 miles Navigable.

The ENGLISH *Dominions* in the continent of *America* are on the south of *Canada*, about 1150 miles long and 300 broad, the Air is healthful but the weather very uncertain, the soil is very fertile, the chief commodities are *Tobacco*, Corn, Sugar, Fruits, Camel, Dales, Iron, Tar, Bevers *Indigo*, Ginger, *Rosin*, Turpentine, Cotton, Maize, &c. These parts were first discovered by *S. Cabo*, 1497, and are possessed by the *English*, and governed by many inferiour Rulers under the protection of the King of *Britain*, here are 7 Provinces, *viz.* 1 NEW ENGLAND in the most North parts, 270 miles long, and 130 broad, this Country was first begun to be planted 1606 the chief Town is *Boston*. 2 NEW YORK (once New *Netherlands* so called by the Dutch, who began a Plantation here 1614.) on the south west of *New England* 270 miles long & 130 broad chief Town is *Newhaven*. 3. NEW-JARSEY is on the south of *New York*, 200 miles long, and 60 broad, is divided into East *New Jersey*, chief Town *Elizabeth*, and West *New Jeysey* chief Town *Elsinbourgh*; 4 PENSILVANIA is on the West of *Jersey* the chief Town is *Philadelphia*. 5 MARYLAND is on

the south of *Pensylvania* 180 m. long & 120 broad divided into ten Counties. *Oxford* is the chief Town. 6 VIRGINIA is on the south of *Maryland*, so called from the Virgin Queen *Elizabeth*, it contains 19 Counties and was first begun to be planted 1607. the chief place is *Jamestoun* 7 CAROLINA is on the south of *Virginia* 460 miles long and 300 broad, it takes its name from the illustrious K. *Charles* II. The *English* (*Quakers*) begun to plant it 1663 and are already very numerous, it contains 5 Counties, the chief places are *Charles-toun* & *Albemarle*, the Religions and Languages here are the same as in *England*, the *Americans* are for the most part a simple innocent kind of people, spending much of their time in Hunting, many of them are very tractable and ingenious, and keep a good correspondence with the *English*, others of them who are more Savage stay among the mountains, they are under divers petty Lords whom they call *Werouns*, the chief Rivers are *Hudson*, *Delaware*, *Susquahanach* and *Albemarle*.

FLORIDA is on the south of the *English* Dominions about 1200 miles long, 600 broad; the Air is extraordinary temperate, and the soil indifferently fertile; the chief Commodities are all sorts of excellent Fruits, immense quantities of Pearls, Gold, Silver, &c. *Seb. Cabot* first touched at it, about the Year 1497, but 1512 the *Spaniards*, who went further, discovered it better, and took possession of it; yet it is still but badly known. the *Spaniards* have here 2 Colonies, and some places were under

the *French*, but they are now driven out. The Natives poſſeſs the inland parts, whh are under the Juriſdiction of ſome petty Princes, whom they call *Parouſtes*, or *Caciques*. It is divided into 43 Provinces, the chief places are St. *Auguſtine* and St. *Matthea* under the *Spaniards*, and *Fort-Charles*, which belonged to the *French*; The *Spaniards* are Popiſh, they ſpeak the Language, and are judged by the Laws of *Spain*. But the Natives are groſs Idolaters, & their *Prieſts* who ſacrifice to the *Sun*, *Moon*, *Stars*, &c. are great Sorcerers, and are called *Joanas*. The chief *Rivers* are *Chucagua*, & that of the *Holy Ghoſt*.

NEW *MEXICO*, or *New Granada*, comprehends all theſe Countries which ly toward the N. Weſt of *America*; it is of a very large extent, but the true dimenſions are not known This countrey was firſt diſcovered by *F. Maret de Niſa* 1540, and as yet is but thinly inhabited; for it is of a poor and barren ſoil, ſcarce having any thing (ſave cattel) to allure the Merchant. *Here* are a great many *Provinces*, 4 or 5 of the chiefeſt are beſt known; the chief *Town* is *St. Fo*, or *New Mexico*, The Natives are governed by Lords of their own, whom they call *Caciques*. The *Spaniards* are Popiſh; they ſpeak the vulgar *Spaniſh*, and are under the Government of a *Vice-Roy*, who reſides at *St. Fo*: The chief *Rivers* are *North River* and *Tecon*.

MEXICO, or *New Spain*, is on the *S. E.* of *New Mexico*, 2500 m. long, and 800 broad, in ſome places not above 100: Notwithſtanding this Countrey is (for the moſt part) under the *Torrid Zone*, the Air is abundantly

temperature the soil so wonderfully fertile, that it is the Noblest and most populous Country in N: *America*. The chief Commodities are Wool, Cotton, Sugar, Silk, Cochenele, Feathers, Honey, Balm, Ambre, Hides, Tobacco, Ginger, Medicinal Drugs, Wheat, Barley, *Maize*, Apples, Pears, Figs, Pomegranates, Oranges, Limons, Cherries, Coco-nuts, Gold, Silver, Cattel, *&c.* It was for many Ages under its own Kings, designed of *Mexico* being a Noble & flourishing (tho' Elective) Monarchy. It was 1521 conquered by the *Spaniards*, under the conduct of *Francis Cortez*, and has ever since remained subject to them. It is divided into 3 great parts, called *Audiences*, viz, *Guadalajara*, *New Spain*, and *Guatimala*; they are subdivided into 22 Provinces: The chief Town is *Mexico*, a Large, Rich, and Populous (tho not fortified) City, the Seat of the *Spanish* Vice-Roy of the *West Indies*; it was 1527 made a Bishops see, 1547 an Arch-Bishops, & 1551 an University. The *Spaniards* are rigid *Catholicks*, according to the strict profession of their own Country. The Natives are ignorant and grosse Idolaters, but many multitudes of them (out of fear) are converted to Christianity: The *Spaniards* speak the vulgar *Spanish*, but the *Americans* use (mostly) the old *Mexican* Tongues. Under the Arch-B. of *Mexico* are 10 suffragan Bishops.

FIRMLAND is on the S.E. of *Mexico*, about 2100 m. long, & 700 broad, the Air is very hot (being wholly under the torrid Z[one]) and the soil (where manured) abundantly fertile; the chief Commodities are Gold, Silver and other metals, [illegible], Rosin, Gums, Iron

Pepper, Emeralds, Saphires, Jaspar, Ciffidrins Cotton, Tobacco, Sugar, &c. Some of it was discovered by *Columbus* himself; it is now under the K. of *Spain*, governed by 2 Parliaments & the Vice-Roy of *Mexico*. The *French* & *Portuguez* have some footing in it, & the Natives in many places maintain their liberty, under their *Caciques*: It is divided into two by the River *Oronique*. That on the West is called CASTILLA D'OR, divided into 9 Provinces: that on the East, GUIANA; it contains 2 Provinces; the chief Town is St. *Fee de Bigotte*: the *Europeans* use the Religion and Language of the Countries they came from: the Natives are still Idolaters, and speak many (unknown) Tongues: the chief *Rivers* are *Oronique* and St. *Martha*. Here are 1 Arch B & 3 Bishops.

On the S. of *Firmland* is the great Countrey of the *Amazons* about 1600 m. long & 1000 broad, the whole Region is over spread with Wood; its chief commodities are Tobacco, Sugar Canes, Coco, Ebony, Balm, Cattel, in abundance Gold Silver, &c. The River *Amazone* the greatest and swiftest in either continent, He yearly overflows his banks which mightily fertilizes the Countrey; it is inhabited by above 150 different Nations, upon or about the *River*, who are so numerous & their Villages so thick, that the last house in the one may easily hear the noise made in the first house of the other, they were of old a *Man-eating* people, but now are much civiliz'd, for by Hunting, Fishing, Fruits and *Roots*, they are furnished with both Meat & Drink; they have *Idols* but pay them no adoration, contenting themselves to expose them to publick view; when they enterprise any Affair.

PERU is on the S. of *Firmland* W. of the *Amazones* along the Pacifick Ocean; about 1900 m. long & 800 broad, the Air is generally very hot, but in some places extraordinary sharp, tho the soil be luxuriant in all manner of grain, yet what the *Spaniards* report of the wealth and fertility of this Country is scarce credible, its chief Commodities are inexhaustable quantitys of Gold & Silver, Pearls, Precious stones, Cotton, Tobacco, Cocheneel, Medicinal Drugs, Fruits, Grains, &c. at the discover of the new World this was the most potent Kingdom in *S. America*, governed for many Ages by its own Hereditary Monarchs, whom they called *Incas*, but 1530 the *Spaniards* under the conduct of *Francis Piazara* a base born Swineherd, conquered this most mighty Kingdom, & taking prisoner *K. Atabilippa*, & (after for his Ransom he had payed innumerable Wedges of Gold) most traitorously, villanously & perfidiously murdered him; It is at present under the K. of *Spain* (whose Viceroy resides at *Lima*) in the midland parts the Natives maintain their Libertys under the *Cacique* it is divided into 3 *Audiences*, which contain 17 Provinces, the chief Town was *Cosco*, which the conquerors depopulated: the now Metropolis is *Lima* or *Los Reyes* founded by *Piazara* 1535, it is built mostly of Timber, very great, beautiful, & well traded; an Arch-Bishoprick & University: the *Spaniards* are Popish & speak the vulgar *Spanish*, but the Natives are still Idolaters. The chief Rivers are *Maragnon*, and *D'engredera*: The Arch Bishop of *Lima* hath 5 Suffragan Bishops.

BRASILE is on the W. of the Amazons about 1600 m. long & 1500 broad: tho it be in the tore

ridZone theAir is very temperat, for cool breezes of wind which come off theSea about noon greatly asswage the heat: the soil (where cultivat) is very fertile: the chief commodities are Tobaco Amber Sugar Rosin Balm Trainoyl Brasil wood &c. was first discovered 1501 by P. deCaprali, & ws call'd the Country of the holy Crosse alittle after Americus discovered it better & his' name was given (only) to that particular country. the Portuguez possesse the coasts who divide them into 13 Captainships the chief town is st. Salvador the inland (or western) parts are inhabited by a great many Nations differing in manners relig. & languages: the chief Riv. are Maraguon Siope & de Francisco here is one Bishop under the Archbishop of Lisbon.

PARAGUAY is on the south east of Brasile & south of the Amazons 1900 m long and 1400 broad the Air very temperat & the soil (where cultivated) aboundantly fertile the chief commod. are gold silver brasse iron sugar cattel &c. it was first discovered 1415 & 1440 the spaniards possest it & ever since kept it, it is ruled by a Governour under the Viceroy of Peru. it is divided into 7 parts, Assumption is the chief town the spaniards are Popish and the Natives are grosse Idolaters the chief River is de la Plata one of the largest in the world.

CHILI is on the S. of Peru W. of Paraguy along the Pacifick Ocean, 1260 m long & 400 broad the Air in the summer is very temperat, but in the Winter very cold and the ground very mountanous and generally barren; the chief commodities are most fine Gold and other Metals Ostriges, Corn; Maize, Hony; &c. it was possessed by the Spaniards 1545 who still keep it: it is ruled by a Governour under the Viceroy of Peru it is divided into 3 Provinces: the chief Town is st. Jago the Spaniards are rigid Papists; & the Natives are rigid Idolaters. the chief Rivers are Biobeo, Maipo and coquimbo. On the south of chili is TERRA MAGELANICA chico or the countrey of the Patagans about 1200 m. long and 480 broad: a poor barren countrey: little known and [illegible]

PERU is on the S. of *Firmland* W. of the *Amazones* along the Pacifick Ocean; about 1600 m. long & 800 broad, the Air is generally very hot, but in some places extraordinary sharp, tho the soil be luxuriant in all manner of grain, yet what the *Spaniards* report of the wealth and fertility of this Country is scarce credible, its chief Commodities are inexhaustible quantitys of Gold & Silver, Pearls, Precious stones, Cotton, Tobacco, Cocheneel, Medicinal Drugs, Fruits, Grains, &c. at the discovery of the new World this was the most potent Kingdom in *S. America*, governed for many Ages by its own Hereditary Monarchs, whom they called *Incas*, but 1530 the *Spaniards* under the conduct of *Francis Piazara* a base born Swineherd, conquered this most mighty Kingdom, & taking prisoner K. *Atabilippa*, & (after for his Ransom he had payed innumerable Wedges of Gold) most traitorously, villanously & perfidiously murdered him; It is at present under the K. of *Spain* (whose Viceroy resides at *Lima*) in the midland parts the Natives maintain their Libertys under the *Caciques* it is divided into 3 *Audiences*, which contain 17 Provinces, the chief Town was *Cosco*; which the conquerors depopulated: the now Metropolis is *Lima* or *Les Reyes* founded by *Piazara* 1535, it is built mostly of Timber, very great, beautiful, & well traded; an Arch-Bishoprick & University: the *Spaniards are* Popish & speak the vulgar *Spanish*, but the Natives are still Idolaters. The chief Rivers are *Maragnon*, and *Dangrdera*: The Arch Bishop of *Lima* hath 5 Suffragan Bishops.

BRASILE is on the W. of the Amazons about 1600 m. long & 1500 broad: tho it be in the tore

ridZone theAir is very temperat, for cool breezes of wind which come off theSea about noon greatly asswage the heat:the soil(where cultivat) is very fertile:the chief commodities areTobaco Amber Sugar Rosin Balm Trainoyl Brasil wood &c.was first discovered 1501 by P.deCaprali, & ws call'd the Country of the holy Crosse alittle after Americus discovered it better & his' name was given (only) to that particular country. the Portuguez possesse the coasts who divide them into 13 Captainships the chief town is st. Salvador the inland(or western) parts are inhabited by a great many Nations differing in manners relig. & languages:the chief Riv. are Maragnon Siope & de Francisco here is one Bishop under the Archbishop of Lisbon.

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The American Islands which are very numero ly scattered up & down the Oceans; but are chie ly placed in the Atlantick: the Air and soil are v ry various; according to the different climats the are in; the Inhabitants speak the Languages an profess the Religions of the countreys they can from; but the Natives are very barbarous, sav some few who are greatly civiliz'd by reason o their correspondence with the Europeans. The chiefly are california in the pacifick Ocean nea N. Mexico 1650 m. long and 450 broad; 'tw thought a Peninsula; but 1620 was found an Isla New-found land is over against N. France in th West Ocean 400 miles long and 300 broad, it i possest chiefly by the English and French. Bermu das or summer Islands; a knot of small Isles, nea 400 upon the south of New found-laud; who cal the chief of them st. George. Lucayes; 14 smal Isles on the coast of Florida they (chiefly) ar under the Spaniards; cuba once Ferdinando; is o the south west of Lucayes 680 miles l and 100 broad; the chief Town is Havana, this is subject to the spaniards; Jamaica is on the south of cub 150 miles long and 60 broad divided into t precincts: the chief Town is Portroyal: this w once under the spaniards: but is now subject the English: Hispaniola or st. Domingo is on th East of Jamaica 440 miles long and 220 broa chief Town Domingo this is under the spaniard but the French possess the West parts. Portic or Bariquen on the East of Hispaniola 120 m. lo and 100 broad chief Town Portico: this belongs the spaniards. these 4 last with some others les; note are called the Martlets. The Caribb Islands are Barbados and st. christopher; st. Gru Antego; Mevis; Dominico; Monteret; Granad st. Vincent Tobago Guadaloup, &c. Terrad Feugo is on the south of the Magelantick land v ry badly discovered inhabited by a people utte ly barbarous.

There are several others scattered up & dow the Oceans, but either badly discovered: or little Note.

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